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U.S. Sales Boom Points To New Life in Economy

Retail Buying in January and February Advanced at Fastest Pace Since 1985

By Lawrence Malkin ational Herald Tribune

NEW YORK - American consumers went on an unexpected buying spree in January and February as retail sales recorded their steepest

reordary as retain sales recorded their steepest two-month rise since 1985, the Commerce Department reported Thursday.

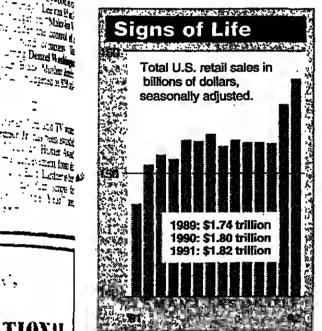
Economists said the increases, which together constituted a very strong sign of renewed life in the U.S. economy, were the result of pent-up demand. More job growth is needed to keep the steep they exident. spending going, they said.

February's sales rose 1.3 percent and January's sales were revised upward to a gain of 2.1 percent, more than triple the 0.6 percent rise

originally reported for the month.

The February gains were spread across automobiles, general merchandise, building materials, clothing, furniture, and drug stores. Only

food sales declined. It was the first time sales had risen more than I percent for two consecutive months since August and September of 1985. The revised January increase was the largest since February 1991, when sales rebounded 2.2 percent as the



Among the reasons for the January revisions were about \$900 million more in new car sales than previously estimated; \$300 million more in furniture sales, and \$500 million more in department-store sales, Reuters quoted Com-

merce Department officials as saying.

Although the January and February figures were unquestionably strong and confirmed the migrovements already reported in chain-store improvements already reported in chain-store sales, government and private experts said they might be slightly exaggerated. Statistical adjustments, they noted, oever quite succeed in ironing out the post-Christmas volatility in the retail trade

Financial markets reacted in their familiar pattern to recent statistics showing an unmis-takable turnaround in the U.S. economy from the longest period of slack in postwar history.

The bond market showed its classic concern that recovery would bring inflation. The price of the Treasury's 30-year bond dropped. The yield, which moves inversely to price, topped 8 percent for the first time this year, closing at 8.03 percent.

The higher interest rate drew money into dollars, knocking the Deutsche mark down three-quarters of a pfennig in New York.

The question of how long the consum boomlet could last was first in analysts' minds, a question underscored by the weekly report on initial claims for unemployment benefits, also

released Thursday.

These claims rose by 22,000 to 459,000 during the week ended Feb. 29, after dropping during the middle of the mooth. In addition, 1.6 million people claimed emergency long-term benefits during the week that ended Feb. 22, up from 1,4 million the week before.

"The key to consumer spending is jobs," said Edward Yardeni of C.J. Lawrence & Company. "We're oot convinced that the current sales pace of consumers is sustainable, given the poor

David Munro of High Frequency Economics said: "It just doesn't fit. We're an unemployed nation with oothing to do but spend money?" Cynthia Latta of DRI/McGraw Hill explained that one reason that "consumers are coming out of their funk" was that their supplies of items ranging from socks to washing machines had run out or were breaking down and had to be replaced. She called this the "Brady light bulb theory" of consumer behavior, referring to a recent remark by Treasury Secretary Nicholas F. Brady that consumers

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Tariq Aziz, Iraq's deputy prime minister, delivering a response Thursday to UN charges that Iraq has not complied with its demands.

UN Demands That Iraq Comply at Once

UNITED NATIONS, New York - The Security Council demanded Thursday that Iraq comply immediately with Gulf War cease-fire resolutions, saying it was not satisfied with two days of promises from Iraq's deputy prime

Baghdad again appeared to be on a collision course with the Security Council, which had authorized military force to drive Iraq from Kuwait and has not ruled out a military response to enforce the cease-fire terms. To the view of the Security Council, the

government of Iraq has not yet complied fully and unconditionally with those obligations, must do so and must immediately take the appropriate actions in this regard," the council said in a statement read by its president, Diego Arria of Venezuela,

The first test may come as early as next week when a UN inspection team might go to Bagh-dad to see if Iraq will allow the destruction of equipment to make Scud missiles.

The council statement came after Tariq Aziz, Iraq's deputy prime minister, had delivered a point-by-point response to council charges that Iraq had oot complied with the council's de-

Mr. Aziz said Iraq would make a full disclosure of its weapons programs, but it asked for

modifications in some of the provisions, saying they violated Iraq's sovereignty. He renewed his call for the lifting of economic sanctions.

Mr. Aziz had come to New York to explain his government's position after the United Na-tions warned of "serious consequences" for what it described as Baghdad's cootinued refusal to cooperate with efforts to destroy its most dangerous weapons, as well as the machinery used for making them.

The latest confrontation with UN inspectors occurred two weeks ago when Baghdad refused

See IRAQ, Page 5

Deng Persuades Politburo to Back Reform

By Lena H. Sun

Washington Post Service
BELIING — In a major victory for China's senior leader, Deng Xiaoping, the Communist Party Politburo has formally endorsed his appeals to give new life to reform, issuing the strongest poblic call yet to speed up economic

In a dispatch bannered across the top of major official newspapers Thursday, the offi-cial Xinhua press agency reported that the

Bush loses first round over his veto of the China trade bill. Page 3.

Politburo, the country's top decision-making body, had met from Monday to Wednesday to discuss reform and future development.

The meeting decided that "reform and open-ing to the outside world should be carried out in a bolder way and one should dare to make innovations and experimentations," the news agency said. "For what we regard as correct, just try it and go ahead daringly."

At the same time, the Politburo, in a pointed and public attack against hard-liners, also warned that the main ideological threat to the party came from "leftist" influences, the codeword for the orthodox ideologues who have warned against moving ahead with reform too fast. Some of those ideologues are among the

The report Thursday is unusual, and appears to reflect the intensity of the power struggle at the top in preparation for an important party congress next fall at which personnel and policy changes will be decided.

Mr. Deng's latest initiative, which originated when be made a visit to the country's booming and quasi-capitalist south in late January, is an effort to put his own imprimatur on the party congress, probably the last that be and China's other senior ruling elders will attend.

All the major points that came out of the Politburo meeting have been the ones champi-See CHINA, Page 5

Nixon Tries On Churchill's Mantle, but Does It Fit?



Former President Nixon making his appeal in Washington for U.S. aid to Russia.

By David Johnston

New York Times Service WASHINGTON - At 79, his voice seems slightly gravelly now, and the often caricatured face is seamed and thickened by age. But more arresting is the sameness of Richard Nixon, the brooding figure who 18 years ago walked out of the White House, humiliated by political scandal.

All the hallmarks remain: the locked-clbow gestures, the jowly visage, the hunched, high-shouldered posture and the heavily cadenced speech engraved with the high-blown diplomatic language and sweeping insights into East-West relations.

Mr. Nixon's speech Wednesday at a foreign policy conference sponsored by the

Richard Nixon warns that Russia could return to despotism without major aid. Page 3.

Richard M. Nixon Library and Birthplace seemed to mark a rite of passage in the rehabilitation of the former president and a

reunion of a kind, oearly two decades after he became the only president to resign.
"My people," said one former aide in the
Nixon White House as be surveyed the hotel ballroom. Some of the luminaries and bit

players who figured in the pain and successes of the Nixon administration seemed convinced of his comeback. In the audience were James R. Schlesinger, who was appointed by Mr. Nixon to be director of central intelligence and defense secretary; Ronald Ziegler, former presiden-

tial press secretary; Warren Burger, former chief justice of the United States; and Mr. Nixon's daughters, Julie Nixon Eisenhower and Tricia Nixon Cox. Mrs. Cox said her father had never dwelled

on his defeats. "My father has always been a person who looks ahead to what he can do today," she said. Referring to the Watergate scandal that led to his resignation, she added, "He's put it into the context of the times and the politics of the times."

But not everyone seemed to believe that Mr. Nixon had fully resuscitated his reputa-

tion.
"Richard Nixon has been for years on a long road to redemption and found that the world is willing to forgive him in the intellec-

mai realm," said Robert B. Reich, professor at Harvard's Kennedy School and a panelist at the conference. He described himself as a lifelong Democrat. "But I don't see much evidence that the world is prepared to forgive him or condone what he did."

Mr. Nixon's latest re-emergence came two days after oews reports about a warning he circulated of a grave risk to Russia's democratic revolution if the United States failed to support President Boris N. Yeltsin with a large infusion of aid.

In a stream of papers, articles and public appearances in recent years, Mr. Nixon has sought to play the role of eminent statesman of world affairs, an American Winston Churchill, offering advice on foreign-policy issues that be believes are critical to the future of the

Flanked by two ficus plants and 18 spreading American flags, Mr. Nixon spoke without notes, without a podium and without pause for more than half an hour, and seemed to draw the parallel between himself and the

former British prime minister. Mr. Nixon said that Churchill's 1946 "Iron Curtain" speech had been delivered "exactly 45 years ago today," although, in fact, Chur-chill's speech, delivered in Fulton, Missouri, was given on March 5, 1946 - 46 years and six days ago.

But his loyalists ignored the minor inaccuracies of the former president, who said in his resignation speech "I have never been a quitand who in recent years has staged a oumber of public returns.

In 1977, he conducted a series of televised interviews with David Frost. In 1986, be was featured in a Newsweek cover article. In 1988, he appeared on the NBC News program, "Meet the Press," for the first time in 20 years.

In 1989, be met President George Bush at the White House in a widely publicized meet-ing, offering his views on Chinese-American relations. And in 1990 he returned to Congress to give Republican lawmakers a lecture on world affairs.

"I think he has absorbed it," said Leonard Garment, a lawyer for Mr. Nixon, said of Watergate. "He has made a part of his own history, and in his terms has accepted a very large dollop of responsibility for what hap-

Ukraine Halts Transfer of **Nuclear Arms** To Russia

Leader Fears Weapons Will Not Be Dismantled, Security Concerns Mount

By Eleanor Randolph

Washington Post Service

MOSCOW — President Leonid M. Kravchuk of Ukraine announced Thursday that his nation had stopped shipping its tactical nuclear missiles to Russia to be dismantled.

At a news conference in Kiev, Mr. Kravchuk

said he wanted firm assurances that the weap-ons would be destroyed rather than redeployed by Russia. We cannot guarantee that weapons trans-

ported to Russia will oot be destroyed or that they will oot fall into undesirable hands," Mr.

Ukraine, as part of its effort to become a ouclear-free zone, had previously made an arrangement to send its tactical arsenal to be destroyed in Russian plants designed specifically to dismantle such weapons.

Mr. Kravchuk suggested that Western nations should help Ukraine build its own facility to dismantle the weapons. "We want guarantees that they can't be used anywhere," be said. "I don't want to make anybody else stronger." Ukraine's shift would make it virtually im-

possible for the second-largest member of the Commonwealth of Independent States to dis-mantle its ouclear arsenal by July, as the Ukrai-

nian government decided last year.

[Coming a week before the start of a summit meeting of the Commonwealth in Kiev, the step seemed certain to widen the gulf between Russia and Ukraine. The Associated Press reported. They are already at odds over the future of Crimea and are competing for control over the Black Sea Fleet and military aircraft based in [About a quarter of the Soviet Union's 17,000

tactical — or battlefield range — nuclear war-heads were based in Ukraine, Mr. Kravchuk said earlier this week that 57 percent of them had been taken to Russia for destruction.]

Ukraine's announcement was made after a ouclear weapons expert from one of Russia's closed nuclear cities said in an interview published Thursday that the safety of 30,000 nuclear weapons in the former Soviet Union had "deteriorated drastically," increasing the possi-

bility of terrorism and ouclear blackmail. "The technical safety as well as the inner potential of the weapons remains the same," said the official, Gennadi Novikov, head of security at Chelyabinsk-70, where the Soviet Union produced plutonium for the former nation's nuclear arsenal.

But the security, from a broader point of view - taking into account the political and psychological situation — has no doubt deteri-orated drastically," Mr. Novikov said.

He said security of the weapons had been based on the goodwill of presidents of the former Soviet repoblics, but "this basis is oot very stable."
"Right now," Mr. Novikov said, "we have

radically changed our concept of nuclear weapons security so that an ordinary explosion can take place in a workshop or railroad car or in a

"Previously," he said, "we didn't take into account that plutonium can be evaporated because of an ordinary explosion. For the people, this is no less dangerous than a nuclear explo-

Anarchy Reigns In Albania as Elections Near

By Henry Kamm New York Times Service

TIRANA, Albania — As Albania, once the most rigidly ruled Communist nation in Europe, approaches its second free parliamentary elections within a year, members of all parties agree that their country is in desperate shape.

"Anarchy," "chaos" and "catastrophe" recur regularly in discussions of the March 22 elections with official spokesmen and opposition leaders, foreign diplomats and ordinary citi-

"Albania has lost the helm," said Shaban Murati, a Foreign Ministry spokesman. "No one is in charge in Albania today. The opposition democratic forces have not yet achieved power, and the old power-holders have not yet

Ramiz Alia, the former Communist leader, was renamed president by the parliament elect-ed last March, in which his Party of Labor won a strong majority. The party has since rejected communism and reconstituted itself as the Socialist Party. Mr. Alia is oo longer a member.

Last December, a caretaker nonparty cabinet was formed, led by Prime Minister Vilson Ahmeti, a former Socialist minister, and early elections were called. The first thing a foreigner is told is oever to

be outside after dark, as street crime, virtually unknown under the severe Communist government, is rampant.

Tirana's streets are largely deserted after dinner. Mob looting of government warehouses has become commonplace. Ambushes on country roads are frequent. Recently the justice minister and the prosecu-

tor-general were held up in their car oear here. Only the realization whom they were robbing caused the brigands to take flight. They were There is an explosion of crime," said Fadil Canaj, the head of the national police. "In this period of transition to democracy, even the police have lost confidence in themselves and

the law." He said the police were powerless against mob action. As the most telling example of the break-See ALBANIA, Page 5

Gunmen Kill Sicilian Party Leader

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ROME (NYT) - Three weeks before Italy's national election, gunmen in Palermo killed Salvo Lima, the leader of the Sicilian branch of Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti's Christian Democratic Party, on Thursday in what a party spokesman called a "political

Mr. Lima, 64, who also was a member of the European Parliament, was regarded as Mr. Andreotti's main supporter in Sicily. Some politicians said that the killing was a show of Mafia force before the April 5 general elections.

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Party Sees Future in Clinton but Fears His Past By Dan Balz and David S. Broder

Washington Past Service
WASHINGTON — Bill Clinton's sweep of the South on "Super Tuesday" convinced many congressional Democrats he is their likely presidential nominee. It is a prospect that evokes both anticipation and

These Democrats see the Arkansas governor as a superb campaigner who has demonstrated an ability to build a coalition of middle- and working-class whites and still attract strong black support. They believe that combination, welded to a message of social reform and economic hope, could unlock the gates to the White

But in their next breath, they fret that the controversies that have dogged Mr. Clinton's campaign — his alleged extramarital affairs, his draft record and, most recently, his personal finances - have left marks and

the trouble may not be over. "I think a number of people are waiting for other

shoes to drop," said Representative Louise M. Slaughter of New York.

said Representative Dennis F. Eckart of Ohio, who was chosen Wednesday as one of the House super delegates "That's why so many people here are remaining uncommitted," she said, referring to the House.
"He's got all the right pieces except for his past," said

Moderate Republicans are concerned about how President Bush is dealing with the Buchauan factor. Page 3.

While acknowledging that Mr. Clinton must prove himself Tuesday in Illinois and Michigan against the challenges of former Senator Paul E. Tsongas of Massachusetts and former Governor Edmund G. (Jerry) Brown Jr. of California, most of those interviewed said

"There is an inevitability appearing about Clinton's oomination, but it has done little to remove the reserva-tions many of us feel about how he will play in the fall,"

to the Democratic convention in July. Mr. Eckart's view is widely shared among elected

Democrats in Washington and other party officials around the country. But few of them are prepared to speak about their fears on the record. Mr. Eckart said he believed Mr. Clinton had pot

together a populist-oriented message that can sell to the voters - if the election is about his message. "If the fall election is a referendum on Clinton's past, we lose," he said. "If it is a referendum on Clinton's

view of the future, we win." A Western senator up for re-election this year said that people in Congress "feel we're all chinging to Clinton's barrel and it's about to go over Niagara the odds now clearly favored Mr. Clinton's nomina-

Falls." That comment reflects the fear that Republicans See CLINTON, Page 5

By Christopher S. Wren New York Times Service

DURBAN, South Africa -With just under a week to go before South Africa's whites vote on whether to continue the government's pursuit of an end to apartheid, both those for and those against agree that the attitude of this country's English-speaking whites may prove decisive.

As a result, campaigning is particularly intense here in Natal Province, where for the majority of whites English is the first language. Bruce Scott, a young civil engi-

neer, takes pride as a South African in the colonial roots of his British forebears, and expresses fear about what would happen if apartheid was abolished.

"I support English," said Mr. Scott, who is active in the rightist Conservative Party, which supports apartheid. "I support the Union Jack. I support English traditions. I am looking to protect English culture in South Africa. We've come a long way. We don't want to see it wiped out as it was in

That is why he said he would vote 'nn' in the referendum that President Frederik W. de Klerk, the leader of the National Party, has called on March 17 to ask whether whites want him to continue negotiating a future without

Mr. de Klerk has promised to resign if he loses and to fight an election against the conservatives.

by the Afrikaners, a people of pri-marily Dutch stock who make up 56 percent of the country's 5 million white inhabitants but fill who the government, security forces and Civil Service. The Afrikaners insti-

tuted the policy of apartheid. Excluded from political decisions, English-speakers, who number about 2 million people nation-wide, turned to business and other white-collar professions. There are nearly 40 million people in the country, the vast majority of whom

English-speakers, or Anglos, as they are called, have predominated for years in the anti-apartheid movements among whites, but here in Natal, the one province where English is the leading language, it is not safe to assume that Englishspeakers automatically will support Mr. de Klerk.

"It's a fallacy created by the liberal press that English-speaking people are inherently liberal," said Duncan du Bois, a Conservative supporter in Amanzimtoti. south of Durban. "It is not so, and it is being proved day by day."

In Natal, Mr. du Bois said, "Anglos have quite a pedigree of con-servatism." They include people like Mr. du Bois, a history teacher whose English ancestors arrived 136 years ago, and former Rhodesians who settled on Natal's south coast after Zimbabwe gained independence in 1980.

Natai has been micknamed "The Last Outpost" of the old British For more than four decades, Empire by whites, who take pride south Africa has been dominated in its colonial heritage.

Both the National and Conservative Parties, which are run by Afrikaners, have courted Englishspeakers. In Durban, Mr. de Klerk accused the Conservatives of needing the Anglos as "voting fodder."

tive Party politician, retorted that the National Party took 31 years to translate its constitution into Eng-Since Mr. de Klerk began his policies of change 25 months ago.

many Afrikaners have defected to the Conservative Party. Now the fate of his referendum seems to hang on the Anglos.

"Suddenly the English-speaker feels he's a bit of a Cinderella," said Mike Tarr, a member of Parliament for the liberal Democratic Party. "Everybody is wooing him and it feels quite good."

Voter preference polls are prohibited during election or referendum campaigns in South Africa, on the ground that they could sway the outcome. But a survey published before the campaign started found that of 2,400 whites interviewed by telephone, more than 40 percent were undecided or unwilling to say how they would vote.

■ 17 Die in Townships

At least 17 people were killed overnight in South Africa's black townships in a wave of violence described by the African National Congress an effort to persuade whites to vote "no" in the referendum next week, Reuters reported from Johannesburg.



Helena Botha, the wife of South Africa's foreign minister, R.F. Botha, casting her referendum vote in the South African embassy in Taipei on Thursday. She is visiting Taiwan for acuprancture treatments.

Turkey Vows Army Won't Enter Armenian Enclave **Kurds Fear**

By Alan Cowell New York Times Service

ANKARA — Prime Minister Suleyman Demirel has pledged to resist pressures for Turkish military involvement in the conflict between neighboring Armenia and Azerbai-jan and urged Western nations to avoid actions that could turn the fighting into a religious war between Christians and Mus-

"We will help, but we dun't want the military involved," Mr. Demirel said. "We want a political solution."

The fighting involves the disputed territory of Nagorno-Karabakh, an Armenian enclave inside Azerbaijan, and pits the Azer-baijanis, who are Muslims of Turkic descent, against Christian Armenians whose relations with the Turks have long been strained. Mr. Demirel's comments reflected the

government's efforts at avoiding direct embroilment in the conflict. Reports of massacres of Azerbaijanis by

Armenians have fueled Turkish anger over many countries."

lowers want Turkey to take a tougher line against Armenia.

There have been demonstrations recently in Ankara and nther cities urging Turkish military support for the Azerbaijanis, but the prime minister dismissed such demands. "We are not going to be run by the street."

Diplomats here say Mr. Demirel's fear is that the conflict could draw Western support for Armenia, leaving Turkey, a NATO member and staunchly pro-West, tacitly aligned with Azerbaijan against Ankara's traditional

"It should be evenhanded," Mr. Demirel said, referring to efforts to end the fighting.
"We have told the West that it shouldn't give support to Armenia, It should not turn out to be a Christian-Muslim war, and everybody should be very careful.

"We are looking for a cease-fire," be said. "It is not only our concern. It's a concern of

While the war over Nagorno-Karabakh continues, Turkey is facing a war within its own borders against insurgents from the Kurdish Workers Party, an ontlawed guerrilla movement fighting to establish a separate state among Turkey's large Kurdish minor-

[Turkish warplanes attacked guerrilla bases in neighboring Iraq on Thursday for the fourth time this month, The Associated Press reported from Diyarbakir, Turkey. Military officials said the planes bombed a Kurdish Workers Party camp in northern Iraq, 10 kilometers (six miles) from the bor-

Over the last year, Turkey has slightly relaxed its policies toward the Kurdish mi-nority of about 10 million, permitting them for the first time to speak their language openly and allowing Kurdish deputies to enter the 450-seat National Assembly, albeit on another party's ticket. Those modest concessions have contribut-

ed to a sense among some Kurds that the

guerrilla campaign will eventually prod au-thorities toward negotiation on Kurdish de-mands for some form of autonomous status. But Mr. Demirel bluntly dismissed those suggestions Wednesday. 'I don't think it would be possible at all" to negotiate with

New Push

By Leslie Weaver

New York Times Service

has been building up its forces

along the front separating it from

the Kurdish-controlled north of the

country and has been attacking

Kurdish guerrillas near the oil city

of Kirkuk since Sunday, Kurdish officials and international relief

The raids have raised fears

among Kurdish officials and resi-

dents here of a possible Iraqi mili-

tary advance on this Kurdish-con-

trolled town midway between

Kirkuk, now under Iraqi govern-

ment control, and Sulaimanrya, the Kurdish-controlled city about 80

kilometers (50 miles) to the east.

"Everyone is expecting a big at-tack," said Khider Aziz, a senior

member of the Kurdistan Front here. "Saddam Hussein will occupy

Chamchamal as a step toward re-

taking the Sulaimaniya region, and

after Sulaimaniya, all of Kurdi-

More tanks can now be seen dot-

ting the hilltops overlooking the town, and travelers between Cham-

chamal and Kirkuk have reported

increased numbers of troops and

tanks behind the hills, as well as in

Several of Iraq's Republican

Guard units have also recently ar-

rived in the Kirkuk area, and the

Iraqi defense minister, Hassan Ma-

id, was seen in the area Wednes-

The biggest clash, the heaviest

since last fall, crupted Sunday

when Iraqi forces using heavy artil-

lery, at least two dozen tanks, six

helicopter gunships and several thousand ground troops launched a

multipronged attack on Kurdish

Rostam Kirkuki, the military

ommander for the area for the

Kurdistan Front, and other front

officials said the Kurds repulsed

Sunday's attack in an eight-hour

Thefts Lead Rise

In Russian Crime

MOSCOW — Crime rose 30.7

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the Kirkuk region in general.

agency workers say.

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"The PKK is a group of killers," he said, referring to the Kurdish Workers Party by its Turkish initials. "How can a state negotiate with killers?"

While Kurds should be shown full respect with regard to human rights and their constitutional status as "first-class citizens" along with other Turks, Mr. Demirel said, "I do not think there should be a political solution" to the Kurdish dispute.

"I do not think people who call themselves Kurdish should be any different from any other people," he said, adding that there would remain "one official language, one flag, nne state and one country in Torkey. The Turkish state is unitary.

NATO Moves to Assure East Europe on Security

formal security guarantees or membership to former Soviet bloc nations, it would not allow a security vacuum to develop in Eastern Eu-"Poland need not worry -- there

will be no security vacuum," said the official, Manfred Wörner. "All Central and Eastern European countries benefit from NATO's stabilizing influence. We have a vital interest in seeing peace and the development of democratic reform free from intimidation throughout the region." Speaking at a NATO seminar

here on security in Central and Eastern Europe that involved the 16 NATO nations and the 19 former Warsaw Pact members and the former Soviet republics, he said: "You are not left alone, neither today nnr tomorrow.

Mr. Worner said the countries of the region struggling with the to capitalism might eventually be allowed to join.

"Although we are not today considering an increase in the memberHe added that "even without of-

One of the council's purposes is

for NATO membership or security guarantees, fearing that nationalist conflicts in the former Soviet Union could spill over Poland's

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches ship of NATO, this certainly does WARSAW - NATO's secre- not mean that we exclude additiontary-general said Thursday that al membership in the future," he while the alliance could not offer said. "We keep this option open."

> fering formal security guarantees we contribute to improving the security situation of our cooperation partners by bringing them closer to

Mr. Worner was speaking two days after a meeting of the North Atlantie Cooperation Council, established in November, which includes 11 members of the Commonwealth of Independent States as well as eight Eastern European states. The council is designed to build relations with former enemies but stopping short of full member-ship in NATO.

to ensure that the terms of a treaty on conventional arms and troop reductions in Europe, negotiated between NATO and the defunet Warsaw Pact, are still carried ont.

Some Polish leaders have called (Reuters, AP)

In Tattered Romania, Voters Take a Broom to Government

By Mary Battiata Washington Past Service
BUCHAREST — Shed of dictators and central planning, Romania's capital is reverting to an nider, more ragged self. Bankrupt after four decades of Communist rule, the city once known as the "Paris of the Balkans" now displays grinding poverty, along with a dusty new

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enging and odd jobs. Rusted buses shed parts as they lumber through traffic lanes choked with newly im-

STUDENT PRESSURE ON SERB — Students among hundreds demonstrating Thursday for

the second day in Belgrade to demand the resignation of Serbia's president, Slobodan Milosevic.

They vowed to continue their protest until Mr. Milosevic stepped down and elections were held,

an amnesty was granted to draft-dodgers and the names of casualties in Croatia published.

At dusk, small boys hang off the backs of streetcars, heading back to city orphanages after a day of scav-Fed up, Romanian voters across

the country tossed out incumbent big city mayors and council memported used cars. The city clocks bers last month in favor of candihave stopped. The plumbing in Bu-charest's buildings fails 300 times a cratic Convention, 14 political day, by official count. The avenues parties united by their opposi-are pocked with potholes. Un-

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"If our neighbor on the ground floor is taking a bath, there is no running water in my apartment, although there is plenty in Victory

"I keep wondering in how many capitals of the world the removal of garbage is considered a favor, the melting of snow in the sunshine the only way to clean the streets and the interrupting of electricity one of the national customs," he added.

Having retired the fourth mayor appointed by the National Salvation Front since the December 1989 revolution — the three previous ones were dismissed for incompetence and corruption - Bucharest's citizens now await changes.

The new mayor's political allies would be grateful if be would show results in time for parliamentary elections scheduled for May or

The mayor, Crin Halaicu, is a plumbing engineer by trade. This

of decay and more than \$500 million to restore Bucharest's plumb-The fighting so far has left at least 40 lraqi soldiers and five guer-rillas dead, Mr. Kirkuki said. ing, electricity and telephones to West European standards.

Instead, he has a fraction of that — an annual budget of 17 billion lei (roughly \$85 million), of which Square" outside government head-quarters, "because of a pipe that has been leaking for days," wrote one columnist in the daily Coti-

That leaves exactly i billion lei for all the rest — the unfinished state-owned apartment blocks, the crumbling public buildings, the 100-year-old plumbing.

months of this year compared with the same period last year, the Kom-Bucharest in spring chokes under somolskaya Pravda newspaper rea brown veil of grit and dirt. Clouds ported Thursday. of it swirl up and down the avenues on windy days. Most of the dust is debris

The newspaper, quoting Russian Interinr Ministry figures, said churned up by the demolition proproperty crime, often including vijects of the late dictator Nicolae olence, is among the fastest grow-Ceausescu, who bulldozed neighing type of crime, accounting for borhoods and churches to build his 67.4 percent of all reported crimes Boulevard of the Victory of Social-

It said theft of state and public "It's the same stuff blowing property rose 62 percent in January around the city, year after year, and February of 1992, compared Mayor Halaicu said. "I need gas, with the first two months of 1991. oil, transmission fluid and truck Crimes involving weapons rose 31.4 percent, and crimes against parts, but once I get that, I can cart it away and start to wipe the city foreigners were up 49 percent, the

WORLD BRIEFS

BANGKOK (AFP) — The United States has asked Thailand several times in the last few months to evacuate its workers from Libya because of possible American air strikes, highly placed Thai Foreign Ministry officials said Thursday.

According to the sources, U.S. dinlomate in Benefit of States and States are a supported by the sources.

Thai officials that unless the workers were evacuated America could not guarantee their safery in case of any raid they might launch against Libya. The U.S. Embassy said it was unable to make any official comment on the reports. An estimated 10,000 Thais work in Libya, mainly on construction projects.

Japan to Increase Cambodia Funds

TOKYO (AP) — Foreign Minister Michio Watanabe indicated Thursday that Japan was ready to contribute more funds to the United Nations effort to maintain peace in Cambodia.

Kyodo News Service quoted Mr. Watanabe as saying that it was not sufficient for Japan to pay only 12.5 percent of the cost. Under UN procedures, the Japanese share of the estimated \$2.8 billion mission would be 12.5 percent, second only to 30 percent for the United States. On Wednesday, Yasushi Akashi, the UN official who will direct the On Wednesday, Tasusm Akanii, the Old Ambadia said that he expected Japan, the region's economic mission in Cambodia said that he expected Japan, the region's economic power, to contribute a third of the cost of restoring peace in Cambodia. Mr. Akashi also said that it would be unfortunate if Japan contributed only money and not personnel to the effort.

Miyazawa Clears Hurdle on Budget

TOKYO (Reuters) — Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa cleared a major hurdle Thursday when opposition parties in the lower house of parlia-

ment agreed to pass the state budget.

Opposition party leaders told officials of the governing Liberal Democratic Party that they would drop their boycotts of the budget hearings, party spokesmen said. Intermittent boycotts started when parliament was

convened in late January.

The 72.2 trillion yen (\$555 billion) budget, for the year beginning April l, is now scheduled to pass the lower house on Friday and then be sent to the upper house. A budget approved by the lower house becomes law in 30 days even if the upper house rejects it.

10 Die as Swedish Trolley Runs Wild

STOCKHOLM (AP) - A two-car trolley that lost its electrical power in a storm rolled backward down a hill Thursday, killing 10 people and injuring 30 as it slammed into cars and pedestrians, the authorities said.

The trolley had been evacuated shortly before the accident in the coastal city of Gothenburg in western Sweden. Most of the victims were people waiting at a streetcar stop, the police and hospital officials said.

"People ran in panic from the tram stop when they saw the tram rushing down the slope," said a wimess, Gunnar Rosenqvist. "When it hit, there was a burst of people everywhere."

Hispanic Journalist Is Slain in N.Y.

NEW YORK (AP) — A prominent Hispanic journalist who investigated terrorism, corruption and drug-trafficking has been shot to death in a restaurant, the police said.

The journalist, Manuel de Dios Unanue, 48, was shot twice in the back of the head Wednesday night as he stood at the bar in a restaurant in the New York City borough of Queens, the police said. Two gummen fled. No

Mr. de Dios, who was a native of Cuba, was editor of El Diario-La Prensa, the largest Spanish-language paper in New York, from 1981 to 1988. He recently founded a publication that was critical of Colombian

Iran Warns Swiss on Bakhtiar Case

NICOSIA (Reuters) — A pro-government Tehran newspaper said Thursday that Iran might retaliate against Swiss companies if Switzer-land extradited to France an Iranian sought in the killing of the former Iranian prime minister, Shahpur Bakhtiar.

The report in the Tehran Times, a day after another newspaper hinted at action against French business, raised the stakes in the dispute over the killing. Iran has denied that it was involved in the killing of Mr. Bakhtiar last year in a Paris suburb. The Tehran Times said if the Swiss government handed over a suspect,

Zia Sarhadi, to France without first providing Iran evidence of his guilt, Tehran would be entitled to take action against Swiss companies in Iran. Switzerland said Feb. 24 that it had agreed to extradite Mr. Sarhadi.

TRAVEL UPDATE

The U.S. airline industry can expect no major changes in safety rules as a result of the government-wide, 90-day review of federal regulations ordered by President George Bush, Transportation Secretary Andrew H.

South Korea and Chiua are likely to open their first regular air route during the next four months, a Chinese official said Thursday. (AFP)

A strike by French customs agents protesting against plans to abolish single market caused chaos Thursday at the Spanish border. The blockade created a 12-kilometer backup of trucks on the Atlantic highway linking the countries. (Reuters)

Greece was engulfed in a wave of strikes on Thursday with thousands of workers protesting a freeze on public workers' salaries. Transport employees have been on strike since Tuesday, along with bank, postal and utility workers. School teachers joined in Thursday.

A general strike in Cantabria by nearly 200,000 workers paralyzed the northern region of Spain on Thursday, closing stores and shutting down. transport and services. The one-day stoppage was an attempt to force the government to protect jobs in the region.



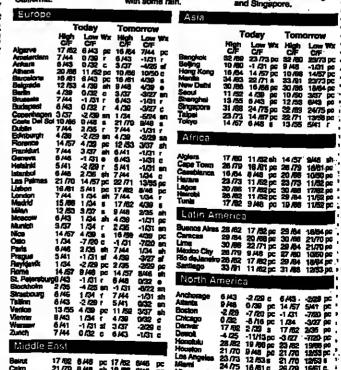
North America Dry cold weather will con-tinue from the Mikiwest to

Europe

Stormy weather across Northern Europe will con-tinue Saturday through Monday. Gale-lorce winds will cause dangerous seas across the North Sea and the Battic Sea. London and Paris will be mainly cloudy, breezy and chilly with some rain.

for Korea and western Ja-pan Saturday and for To-kyo by early Sunday, Bell-ing will be rainy Saturday. The weekend will be stoky yet mainly dry in Hong-Kong and Talpet. Tropical-heat will prevail in Bangkok

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LD BRIEFS Hints at Raid on Lib Sock in Livya

When Gotti

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

NEW YORK — Salvatore Gravano described himself Thursday at the racketeering trial of John Gotti as a good Mafia soldier from the days of the salvatore of the s

the day he was "made" in 1976 until the day he "turned" last year.

He said he was only following orders when he killed mob associates. "When John barked, I bit,"

Under cross-examination by An-

thony Cardinale, attorney for Mr. Gotti's co-defendant and reputed counselor, Frank Locascio, Mr.

Gravano said he left the Mafia in

Mr. Gotti, the reputed Mafia

leader, and Mr. Locascio, known as

"Frankie Locs," are on trial in U.S.

District Court in New York on

charges of racketeering marder, loan-sharking, obstruction of jus-tice and bribery. The trial began

In his eighth day as a witness,

which was also his 47th birthday,

Mr. Gravano said he toed the line

from the day he was made a mem-ber of the Mafia in 1976.

The stocky Mr. Gravano, who

once was a boxer and who Wednes-

day admitted in taking steroids in pump himself up, said he walked out on his life of crime when he left

the Metropolitan Correctional

Center in lower Manhattan, where

he had been jailed with Mr. Gotti.

"I told them the old Sammy Gra-

mmy Gravano died Nov. 8 when

Mr. Cardinale said Mr. Gravano

had written into his plea agreement

with the government a promise that he would only have to testify for

"I hope to start a new life," Mr.

Two years to a new life?" Mr.

Cardinale asked sarcastically. He

suggested that Mr. Gravano hoped

to be sentenced only to time served

and oot the maximum 20 years be

faces after admitting to 19 murders.

hope so," the witness replied.

"I don't think it's reality, hot I

Most of Mr. Cardinale's cross-

examination focused on the Dec.

16, 1985, East Side murder of Paul

Castellano, the leader of the power-

ful Gambino family. The prosecu-

tion says that the killing helped Mr.

that his income became much big-

"I grew," Mr. Gravano said. "You grew after Paul Castellano

left with only a hand to bury, said

ger after the murder.

ness said.

Locascio.

walked out of the MCC. The old

Sammy Gravano was dead."

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Gravano said.

vano was dead," he testified in his unpolished but soft voice. "That

Mr. Gravano said.

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Gotti assume power.

Mr. Cardinale's defense is that Mr. Gravano had more to gain by CANADA TO CALTE ITAL CALCADA E the killing, at least financially, . The defense implied that money ren in the and the an artifaction in the was a motive for Mr. Gravano's killing Mr. Castellano, pointing out

VEL UPDATE

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as too weak to withstand jail and too ready to twist the truth to help The same of the sa Mr. Cardinale also said that be-fore Mr. Gravano decided to turn against Mr. Gotti, he made calls to his girlfriend, "literally weeping about what you had to go through Mr. Gravano said he offered to cooperate with law enforcement authorities because he believed the case against him was unbeatable.

The evidence includes FBI tapes of Gotti conversations.
(UPI, AP, NYT)

y her male peers. Following the lead of women in the workplace and on college campuses, female stu-dents in high schools and junior high schools tiou."

cators will notice.

near San Francisco. "We're sick of men's comments. It oeeds to stop." The boys, for their part, are getting more

"Am I allowed to tell Whitney she has beautiful eyes?" asked Adam Saperstein, a classmate. "Where does it start and where

damages in sexual harassment cases, and one state does the same. Minnesota law essentially defines sexual harassment as unwelcome

are tentatively challenging the "boys will be boys" status quo.

He added that he "wouldn't be surprised" harassment is often just harmless adolescent exploration.

list taxes as a voting issue.

In the South, Mr. Buchanan did better

Overall, 64 percent of Mr. Buchanan's sun-

porters in Tuesday's Southern primaries called

themselves conservative, but so did 54 percent

Where the two constituencies differed most

Among Buchanan voters in the South, 42

percent listed the economy and jobs as a central

reason for their vote, while only 8 percent listed

The one conservative issue that has worked

for Mr. Buchanan also is economic. Mr. Bu-

chanan's attacks oo Mr. Bush for breaking the

"no new taxes" pledge Mr. Bush made in 1985

have resonated in every primary, with Buchan-

an voters much more likely than Busb voters to

toward their own economic circumstances.

among conservatives than liberals and moder-

ates, but not by much.

of Mr. Bush's voters.

ballots for him.

Those who favor sanctions say that ignoring certain behavior sends a message of inequality in girls and of privilege in boys and sets the stage for how men and women treat each other as adults.

"Girls are learning that they are second-Women, which recently issued a report that

And one student at Monte Vista, Damon Bowers, described "this whole sexual harassment thing" as "propaganda."
In Pennsylvania, which is considering a

law comparable to Minnesota's, a Republican state representative, Dennis E. Leh, said

ocssed or participated in such incidents. Most of the girls said they were troubled by the boys' behavior but felt helpless to

A Main Event Once Again

Plea for Russia Heightens Nixon's Visibility

internacional fund that would stabilize the Russian ruhle, and a \$12

International Monetary Fund, a

At a press conference earlier in

of constrained resources.

By Don Oberdorfer

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — As the national debate intensified over the billion increase — proposed by the administration but stuck in Con-Bush administration's response to gress - in U.S. resources for the the revolution in the former Soviet Union, Richard Nixon surfaced major portion of which would be used for aid to Russia. here to advocate a major assistance program that would support a non-Communist Russia at a potential turning point in world history.

Mr. Nixon's emergence, at a conthe day, Mr. Bush said that where he and Mr. Nixon "might have a difference is we're living in a time

ference sponsored by his presiden-tial library, marked his most explicit and highest-profile foreign policy role since resigning the presidency in August 1974. It was a major political event. The appearance of the former

other states in the former Soviet His return was preceded by publication of a scathing memorandum in which he criticized the "patheti-cally inadequate response" by the United States in Russia's first post-

Democrats about aid in Russia and

Communist government. Apparently in deference to President George Bush, who served as ambassador in the United Nations and Republican national chairman during the Nixon administration, the ex-president deleted the harshest words of his recent memo from his remarks on Wednesday, although the message was the same. Mr. Nixon compared the current

political scene, in which pollsters are telling candidates to avoid mention of foreign assistance, with that of 1947 when President Harry S. Truman, despite his unpopularity and lack of public support for over-seas spending, asked Congress for large-scale aid to Greece and Turkey - aid that evolved into the

was in their attitudes toward the economy, and Marshall Plan for Europe. The following year, Mr. Nixon recalled, Mr. Truman's boldness in Among Buchanan voters, for example, 48 percent described their own family financial situation as having worsened in the last four years, while only 18 percent of Mr. Bush's supporters said that. Similarly, 43 percent of Mr. Bush's supporters said that. meeting a historic oeed was oot a bar to his surprise victory at the

ballot box. Wednesday evening, at a dinner Mr. Buchanan's voters rated the national econsponsored by the conference, Mr. Bush responded, defending his reomy as poor, as against only 13 percent of cord and declaring that as in the And although Mr. Buchanan has seized on Nixon era, "we must find a way to social issues such as racial quotas, economics square the responsibilities of world seemed far more important to those who cast leadership with the requirements of

iomestic renewal." After avoiding the subject in re-cent speeches, Mr. Bush described foreign policy as "a powerful deter-minant of the quality of life here at home" and said that "the responsibility for supporting an active for-

eign policy is one for every Ameri-Mr. Bush said little, however, about two measures that have often

been described as the most urgent:

around" to deal with foreign policy needs, he said. Surrounded by former luminaries and functionaries of his admin-istration, Mr. Nixon told the conpresident in the midst of hotly contested presidential primary cam-paigns galvanized the discussion ference, attended by more than 200 amoog hoth Repoblicans and people, that without major outside

aid. Russia may turn in "a new despotism" that could be "a far

more dangerous threat to peace

and freedom, and particularly to

"There isn't a lot of money

peace, than was the old Soviet to-If that happens, Mr. Nixon said, the much-discussed peace dividend would disappear and "we will have to rearm, and that's going to cost infinitely more than would the aid

that we would provide at the pre-

a \$1 billion U.S. contribution to an ous U.S. action was echoed by a bipartisan group of senators just back from Russia and Ukraine.

Senator Sam Nunn, Democrat of Georgia and the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said, "The United States govern-ment is not yet organized and not yet energized to play the kind of constructive role that we believe our government and our people must play."

Mr. Nunn described the present moment as "a unique time in the history of mankind, a window of opportunity.

The Russian ambassador, Vladimir N. Lukin, told the Nixon con-ference that "Russia needs help" and said the choice ahead is "Russian democracy or Russian authoritarianism."

The U.S. ambassador to Russia, Robert S. Strauss, appearing before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, also appealed for prompt U.S. assistance and private investment and said it was "outrageous" that the Umited States had been unable to provide its share of the planned International Monetary Fund increase.

Mr. Strauss said "it's just shock-ing" that Russian aid has oot been the subject of major discussion in Mr. Nixon's call for more vigor- the current presidential campaign.

Bush Loses First Round On Veto of China Bill

By Guy Gugliotta WASHINGTON — The House

of Representatives, by a comfortable margin and with substantial Republican help, has voted to override President George Bush's veto
of tough conditions for renewing trade privileges for China, setting dle of last year. Under the measure up a showdown in the Senate next

A resounding vote to override was expected in the House, but it is doubtful that the Senate will obtain the occessary two-thirds majority. Neither chamber has any fondness for the Beijing government, but the Bush administration has had more success persuade senators that restricting trade is not the way to

moderate Chinese behavior. After an hour of debate, the Hoose voted, 357 to 61, oo Wednesday to override the president's veto of a bill tying renewal of for China to tough conditions on

tion and restrictive trade practices. The measure won support from 110 of the House's 166 Republicans. Congress started debating re-

newal of the preferred trade status which grants individual nations the lowest tariffs the United States is authorized to give -- in the midunder review, Coogress would grant the status through July 2, but would oot consider further renewals unless the president certified that China had made progress in 18

These include curtailment of "gross violations" of buman rights; termination of trade practices restricting the import of American goods into China, and "clear and unequivocal steps" to prevent the sale or transfer of powerful weapons and missile technology to nations that do oot oow possess them.

The House passed the hill late most-favored-nation trade status for China to tough conditions on human rights, weapons prolifera-

Another Arena of Sexual Harassment: U.S. Schools

By Jane Gross

By E.J. Dionne Jr.

Washington Post Service

Buchanan launched his challenge to President

George Bush, the Bush administration has act-

ed on the assumption that gestures in the par-ty's right —notably the firing of the head of the

National Endowment for the Arts - were the

But moderate Republicans are concerned that the administration is misreading the Bu-

chanan challenge and veering to the right at a

time when the president's core problem is more

a matter of economic discontent and general

These Republicans fear that Mr. Bush's

moves now will only hurt him in the fall cam-

paign against the Democrats, who now seem

likely to be led by a nominee with considerable

the circumstances, but it's less of an ideological

message than he'd like to think," said Repre-

sentative Jim Leach of Iowa, a leading Republi-

Referring to Governor Bill Clinton of Arkan-

sas and former Senator Paul E. Tsongas of

Massachusetts, Mr. Leach noted that Mr. Bush

was being pressured to move right at the very

moment when "both Democratic front-runners

Representative Thomas E. Petri, Republican

of Wisconsin, speaking of the Buchanan chal-

have moved to the center."

The message of Buchanan is discontent with

appeal to moderates in both parties.

voter unhappiness with the political system.

best way to contain the Buchanan threat.

WASHINGTON - Ever since Patrick J.

New York Times Service "I continuously grew," the wit-NEW YORK - The vulgar graffiti in the bathroom stall was a daily humiliation for Katy Lyle, a form of illegal sexual harass-ment that the people in charge ignored de-· One of Mr. Gravano's victims, a spite a year and a half of complaints.

So the young woman, oow 19, filed charges with the state, preparing for a trial and finally reaching a settlement that clari-fied sexual harassment policies and paid her \$15,000 for "mental anguish." Mr. Cardinale, who represents Mr. In testimony Wednesday, Mr. Cardinale described Mr. Gravano

This was no shipyard or firehouse, but a high school — the arena that many educa-tors, advocates for women's rights and lawyers say will be the next battleground in

America's bewildering war between the In this case, it was Duluth Central High School in Minnesota, which experts believe

is the first school in the nation to pay damages to a student who was sexually harassed

boys" status quo. Several recent court rulings and legislative

developments make it more likely that edu-"Girls are getting more and more aware of it," said Whitney Casey, a student at Moote Vista High School in Danville, California,

Paul E. Tsongas, a Democratic presidential contender, greeting children outside a school during a campaign stop in Chicago.

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ence in how people voted.

Moderates Wary of Overreaction by Bush

lenge, said: "It's not correct to put it in narrow, ideological terms. There's a general disorienta-

The Bush campaign itself increasingly views

the Buchanan vote as a broad message of dis-

content rather than simply an ideological pro-test — which belps explain Mr. Bush's moves

this week to look more presidential.

Robert M. Teeter, Mr. Bush's campaign

chairman, said Tuesday night that Buchanan

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voters were more concerned about the economy

that the president lead the country in a clear

direction on the problem of helping bring the

primaries. For all of Mr. Buchanan's fervent

conservative talk, the core of his support has

come more from discontented voters than from

for example, ideology made virtually oo differ-

Among Buchanan voters, 54 percent called themselves conservative and 46 percent called

themselves moderate or liberal. Among Bush

voters, 54 percent also called themselves con-

servative and 46 percent called themselves

In the Massachusetts primary on Tuesday,

That has been the message of exit polls in the

Buchanan backers, he said, are "concerned

and more confused.

does it stop?"
Two rulings, including one by the Su-preme Court, have held schools liable for

exual advances. The oumber of cases is still small, but Ivan Gluckman, counsel for the National Asso-

ciation of Secondary School Principals, said, "We'd better give it some time and atten-

Litigating and legislating relations be-tween teenage boys and girls is hailed by some and condemned by others.

class citizens, only valued for their physical attributes," said Sharon Schuster, president of the American Association of University painted a damning picture of the treatment girls receive in school.

he opposed the measure because it would "line lawyers' pockets."

In conversations with more than 150 girls and boys at Monte Vista and at Stephens Middle School in Long Beach, California, virtually every student had experienced, wit-

girls receive in school.

"This has a terribly detrimental effect on girls — and on boys," she said. "They will oever learn equal relationships unless they are told this is oot appropriate."

But others say that applying adult rules to what many people consider teenage high jinks is an overreaction.

Bob Giananni, the principal at the Monte Vista school, said that what may look like by the boys' behavior but felt helpless to respond.

"It might be so bad you want to ignore it," said one eighth-grader. "It might be yon don't know what to do, so you act like it never happened."

In high school, many girls said the taunting escalated if they acknowledged it. "It's negative to speak up for yourself," one girl said. "A strong guy is a strong guy. A strong girl is a bitch."

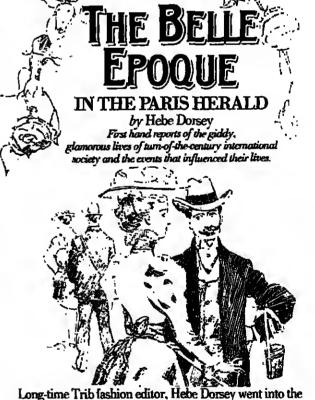
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WASHINGTON - Hoose Democratic leaders caved in to Repoblicans crying cover-op on Thursday and moved toward identifying 355 current and former mbers who wrote bad checks at the House bank. Several lawmakers immediately confessed their over-drafts in an effort to limit political

One of them, Representative as, estimated he had written 75 to 85 checks with insufficient funds during the 39 months reviewed by the House ethics committee. But he said he had merely taken advantage of what had been an accepted prac-tice for a century. Checks written on insufficient funds were bonored without financial penalty. "It's so strange how things turn ont to be big deals that you just oever dreamed," Mr. Wilson said.

Democratic and Republican ne gotiators were trying to put together a bipartisan resolution that would release all the names, not just a group of 24 lawmakers labank. The short list was expected to be released in about 10 days, the

full version about 20 days later.
With the ground quickly shifting. Democrats repudiated their own leadership, which originally had held out for releasing only the smaller list. And lawmakers began making individual announcements, giving their own versions before the



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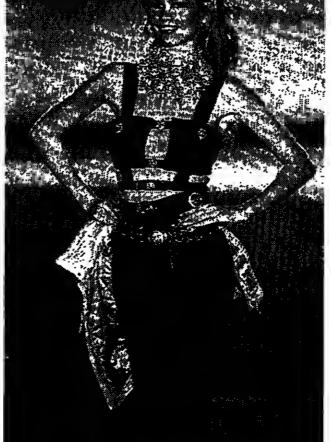
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Versace's congirl: Raunch on the range.

Versace, the Hard Edge of Leather Pushing the Sexy Western Look to the Outer Limit

By Suzy Menkes

International Herald Tribune
MILAN — When the fashion going gets tough, the tough get sewing. Gianni Versace brought the Italian collections to a close with a show that was as hard as you can get on a fashion runway. Half of his raunch-on-the-range

MILAN FASHION clothes were in leather, most of

them m black. And Versace himself described the sery western look in the program as "Miss S The show was a shock because

it was such a strong statement in a weak fashion season. It was the work of a confident designer who believes that sex sells and has shandoned any idea of reflecting a kinder, gentler world in the 1990s. It was oot a comfortable or comforting message for mod-

ern women. Versace took up the Glam West theme that has been around the Milan shows, and raised it in an ultimate level of sophistication: cowboy boots in studded leather given needle-thin high heels; jeans caressing calf and thigh in glove-soft leather, with metal rivets or fringe running up the outside leg; lashings of hard leather belting the hips; straps caging the upper body; and occasionally a cowboy

hat on bewigged blonde hair. This Dolly-Parton-does-Anme-Oakley look also came in regular fabric, especially crepe in sorbet shades of pistachio, man-

skinny skirt that ended jost above the knee - a foot longer than Versace's usual thigh-high hemlines. Even when the top half was just a simple white cowboy shirt, the skirts had lacing or straps at the back to keep things

The saving grace of this hard-edged collection was that it was done in the highest standards of Italian craftsmanship: the leather slithering like silk; the studs clustered as thick as embroidery; patterns glowing on the scatter-ing of silk shirts that have been Versace's recent signature. When quilted parkas came in leather they looked as light as a duvet. "I tried to make it a very aristo-cratic country look with och de-

tails," Versace said before the show. "It is a difficult moment in fashion - hard to change from prints. And long skirts don't work. I tried them a million ways. So legs are always covered." The country and western jeans — more disco than down home — made this a one-note show. There were also mid-calf quilted riding

coats, and short full skirts in the sorbet colors or sculpted out of puff-quilting. These early themes, which might have been explored, were drowned out by the strident and sexy hlack leather. The few fashion trends coming from Milan are for a return to pantsuits, to mid-calf or maxi coats, and an indecisive drop in

skirt hemlines. Dominating colors

are camel and gray flannel with

go and lemon. That meant the same strappy bodice above a skinny skirt that ended jost wools through in crepe. In spite of the high standards of the clothes, which keep buyers spending the fashion crowd is leaving Milan still hungry for new ideas. Even the once-ebullient Mos-

chino has decided to make to sell, rather than to make oews. In a small collection presented in his showroom, he had some fresh inspiration. Photo printing was wittily used to create the effect of a Chanel suit — tweed, pearl buttons and chains — printed trompe l'oeil onin a jacket. Other not-so-wacky ideas were the "double" jacket (a second layer attached to the first), rayon jersey sliced min thick car-wash

fringing, and a sweater made out of panels of sleeves.

Otherwise Moschino showed serious stuff — long jackets tailored to the body line, Chesterfield ones, and some property and field coats and some poncho and cape effects. A short full skirt was cute and makes an alternawas cute and makes an artistive to the long skinny shapes around. But it was cheap of Moschino to rip off Chanel's ripped tille on jacket collar and cuffs.

A change in dates for the Milan

shows is now being discussed by Italy's Camera Nazionale della Moda. There are plans to move the October ready-to-wear shows closer to the Paris collections in order that buyers and the press, concerned about the costs of a long European stay or of shuttling back and forth, would see all the shows in a packed two weeks, squeezing out the London shows.





The fragment of a jawbone, found in southern Africa, that scientists say may reveal the common ancestor of men and apes.

Fossil Closes In on the 'Missing Link'

By Boyce Rensberger

Washington Past Service
WASHINGTON — Anthropologists have discovered a 13-million-year-old fragment of lower jaw with teeth that may have come from a close relative of the long-sought common ancestor of the humans and apes alive

No expert has suggested that the fossil is the "missing link" that would tie the two evolutionary lineages to a shared ancestry. But its discovery has prompted 22 of the world's leading anthorities on the subject to meet in New York at the end of this month to examine the fossil and assess its relationship to fossils of similar species. Discovery of the jawbone, found in Na-

mibia in southern Africa by Glenn C. Conroy of Washington University Medical School in St. Louis and colleagues from France and the United States, is reported in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature.

Mr. Coursy said that while his fossil resembles others from creatures known to have lived in Africa and Eurasia between 8 million

and 15 million years ago, it represents a

previously unknown species.

He said the find was distinctive not only because of its anatomy, but because it was found thousands of miles south of the East Africa region that has yielded Africa's only of Namibia in which it was found. other candidates for the honor of "common

ancestor." The East African specimens are called Kenyapithecus, ("Pithecus" is Greek for

All the specimens date from the Miccene epoch (25 million years ago to 5 million years ago) and are collectively called hominoids, a category that includes humans, apes and their

"This doesn't look like any of the other known Miocene hominoids," Mr. Conroy said. "It reinforces how little we know about this group that presumably gave rise to both the apes and the humans." He said the jaw came from a young adult that probably weighed between 30 and 45 pounds (14 to 20

kilograms) and fed on a soft, fruit-based diet. The new discovery also shows that Mio-

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cene hominoids lived over an even widergeographic range than had been supposed, a fact that attests to their versatility and adapt-

The newly found fossil has been named Otavipithecus namibiensis. Otavi is the region

The fossil is the only evidence from south. ern Africa of a stage of hominoid evolution preceding that of the australopithecines, a group of more humanlike creatures that some experts consider the immediate ancestor of the first true humans, who do not make their appearance in the fossil record until about 2.4

million years ago.
It is not considered likely that Otavipithecus is the species that gave rise to humans and

"It's conceivable that this could be the common ancestor, but right now there's zero evidence to prove it," said Eric Delson, an authority on human evolution at the City University of New York. More likely, he said, A represent a species that resembles to some degree the common ancestor.

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Escalation Averted as Armenians Free Troops

By Steven Erlanger New York Times Service

MOSCOW - The immediate risk of an escalation in the war over the Nagomo-Karabakh region diminished Thursday with the release overnight of 10 officers of the former Soviet Army, held hostage for four days by Armenian irregulars in an effort to obtain arms.

But the last two weeks of fighting, among the most intense in four years of skirmishing between Armenians and Azerbaijanis over the disputed mountainous enclave. have humiliated the Azerbaijanis, led to the fall of their government and created a serious question of self-definition for the fragile Commonwealth of Independent States.
[Azerbaijani and Armenian

forces exchanged rocket fire at villages around Nagorno-Karabakh on Thursday, Reuters reported. Commonwealth television, citing Azerbaijani reports, said 25 people were killed in e rocket attack on Agdam, a border town in Azerbai-

jan.]
The Commonwealth holds an important meeting of the republics' leaders in Kiev oest Friday, during which the status of the former Sovi et military will be an important issue, along with fiery territorial disputes like that in Nagomo-Ka-rabakh, an antonomous region in Muslim Azerbaijan that is populated mostly by Christian Armenians.

In addition to the lives lost -at least 200 bave died over Nagorno-Karabakh in the last two weeks, and 2,000 in the last four years the territorial disputes risk emhroiling oot only the army, but also Russia, as the traditional colonial master.

The army still sees itself as an instrument of a united empire that no longer exists, and in part the Commonwealth itself is a way to appease military commanders who have a difficult time reconciling themselves to the disappearance of the Soviet Union and its superpower status.

The combatants in Nagorno-Ka-rabakh and elsewhere, like Geor-gia, for their part see the army as primarily a source of arms, and secondarily as the instrument of a Russia which, they fear, continues to harbor imperial aspirations.

These feelings persist despite evcry effort by the army to stay out of these disputes, and efforts by the Russian president, Boris N. Yeltsin, to deny any imperial ambi-

... So the hostage-taking of Com-monwealth officers in Artik, an Ar-menian town near the Turkish border, had particularly dangerous resonances. The Armenians had already attacked an army base in Artik on Sunday, seeking weapons from the anti-aircraft unit there, killed two Commonwealth soldiers and wounded three.

To release its officer hostages, the army said it was prepared to use force. More than 100,000 Com-monwealth soldiers are posted in the Transcaocasia military district,

which includes Georgia.
Writing in Izvestia on Thursday, Viktor Litovkin said that the "whole story" of the deaths and the hostage drama "will serve as a scrious warning to the forces that are attempting to involve the army into the fire of interethnic conflict."

Mr. Yeltsin is halfway through e vacation scheduled to end with the Kiev meeting, but the reactions of his vice president, Alexander V. Rutskoi, seemed representative of Russian feeling.

Speaking at e press conference Thursday with two of the freed hostages, Mr. Rutskoi suggested it was time to put an end to Moscow's two centuries of involvement in the region. So far this year, he said, 75 servicemen were killed and 235 more were wounded in raids on Transcancasian army installations, during which more than 2,000 weapons and 60 army vehicles were sezed.

While ouclear weapons were safe, he said, all such weapons should be withdrawn along with Commonwealth troops.

Richard Brooks, Oscar-Winning Filmmaker, Dies

Los Angeles Times Service LOS ANGELES - Richard Brooks, 79, who won a screenwrit-ing Oscar for "Elmer Gantry" and directed "The Blackboard Jungle," "In Cold Blood" and "Looking for Mr. Goodbar," died of congestive heart failure Wednesday in Beverly Hills, California.

He was a director who would only let those essential to his films read his scripts and did not let studio heads see his films until he was satisfied with every detail.

Mr. Brooks built his reputation with tough, unsentimental stories that revolved around macho leading men. He also wrote three books, and one. "The Producer," is a pene-trating exploration of the Holly-wood in which he worked.

His other films include: "Key Largo," "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," The Last Hunt," "The Brothers Karamazov," "Sweet Bird of Youth," "Lord Jim," "The Professionals," "Deadline U.S.A.," "Bite the Bullet" and "Fever Pitch."

His 36 films captured 11 Academy Award communications, seven Writers Guild Award nominations and five Directors Guild nomina-



LABOR LEADS POLL - Neil Kinnock, leader of Britain's Labor Party, in London on Thursday as the opposition opened its campaign in the general election, set for April 9. In the first poll since Prime Minister John Major called the election, Labor led by 3 percentage points.

Turning Aside Denial, U.S. Inquires If Israel Gave Patriot Data to China

WASHINGTON - The United States is investigating a report that Israel may have shared sensitive Patriot anti-aircraft missile technology with China, despite faracl's denial that it had done so, Bush administration officials said Thurs-

Such e transfer would violate U.S.-Israeli agreements and might lead to Chinese development of Since the Gulf War, Israel conballistic missiles impervious to the U.S. anti-aircraft missiles, said the ing battery. officials, who asked not to be iden-

Patriots, which were used against Iraqi Scud missiles fired at Saudi Arabia and Israel during the Gulf War, are the world's only battletested weapon against ballistic missiles. The United States gave 64 Patriots to Israel last year.

"We have reason to be con- other official said. cerned," e senior administration official said, adding that the inves-tigation was continuing despite Is-rael's denial Thursday that it had made Patriots or the technology available to China.

"We are looking into it," the offi-

ment declined to confirm a report in the Thursday issue of the Washington Times that the administra-

tion was investigating intelligence Israel and China established dipreports of a possible transfer. lomatic relations in January, but But other administration offi-Western oews reports say they have cials said they were concerned be-cause the Chinese are known to be engaged for many years in military cooperation.

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The United States gave Israel two Patriot launching batteries and 64 of the missiles in January 1991. Israel used some of those mis-

siles against Scuds. The Washiogtoo Times had

quoted an official as saying that the United States was looking into reports of a sale and had made inquiries about the matter to Israel. "It would violate letters of acceptance signed by the Israelis

which agree not to transfer any Patriot technology elsewhere," an-But an Israeli Defense Ministry

spokesman said: "Israel did oot transfer a Patriot missile or the technology of the missile to China. These reports are lies and totally

In New York, Jewish sources cial said.

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CHINA: Panel Endorses Reform

(Continued from page 1) these themes, in some cases using virtually the same language that Mr. Deng originally used, gives considerably greater force and weight to the reform push, analysts

Even though Mr. Dong is still the most powerful figure in China, he no longer holds any official position, and some Chinese party members have reportedly criticized this way of setting policy, Chinese

sources said. .
It is also unusual for the results of such a meeting to be publicized. Although the disgraced former par-ty chief, Zhao Ziyang, worked to have Politburo meetings publicized in the press as part of his effort toward greater "transparency" of the political system, that kind of thinking was quickly suppressed after the 1989 Tiananmen Square

practice of printing important edi-torials or articles in the official me-

words that "reform ann opening include taking useful items from capitalism," the dispatch Thursday are they good or not? Is there any risk? Are they unique to capitalist. ported Mr. Deng's practical approach to market forces.

system was not whether it relied on come out publicly and endorse a planned economy or market forces, but "whether it will benefit the development of the productive forces under socialism.

Planning and market are both conomic means," the agency said. In a version of the speech being circulated within the government, Mr. Dong said:

The fundamental difference between socialism and capitalism is not whether there is more planning and market. A planned economy is not equal to socialism, because capitalism also has planning; the market economy is oot equal to capitalism, because socialism also has the market. Planning and market are economic means.

Since last fall, a struggle has been raging between conservative hard-liners, who have equated reliance on market forces with capitalism and more change-minded moder-ates, who argue that it is imperative "The only thing they didn't do to rely on more market-oriented was put it in red," said a Western analyst, referring to the Chinese push the economy forward.

Although there was no mention torials or articles in the official media in red ink.

Although the Politburo stopped short of repeating Mr. Deng's words that 'reform and opening up clues.

"Securities and stock markets, ism? Can e socialist country adopt proach to market forces.

In a clear slap at hard-liners, the Politburo said the determining measure of a socialist or capitalist the started stock exchanges.

ALBANIA: Chaos as Vote Nears

(Continued from page 1)

down, Albanians report that the few municipal buses still functioning no longer ply prescribed routes but take passengers where they want to go in return for negotiated fares. Electricity and water pressure fail daily.

"It is more than a catastrophe, said Vasil Kureta, e philosophy professor and a leader of what was once the Communist Party. The economy is paralyzed, in total crisis. Inflation cannot be estimated

and is beyond control." Except for government offices, schools, hospitals, basic services, the military and the police, and owners of newly privatized shops with barren shelves, few Albanians

are working. Most enterprises have

of relief goods, largely from Italy. Endless food lines at shops sell-ing at official prices mark this shabby capital of 225,000 people.

Market dealers selling at uncontrolled prices find fewer and fewer customers, as inflation of unmeasured magnitode devoors low

For the time being the govern-ment pays those laid off 80 percent of their wages, but officials and opposition politicians say that it cannot afford this much longer.

Summing up the generalized chaos, Mr. Murati said, "People feel there is no one to defend them, only God."

Until last year, Albania prided itself oo being the only country that had outlawed all religion and was constitutionally atheast. In those The government's principal days, Mr. Murati was a leading source of income come from sales journalist for the government.

Syria, Denying Scud Deal, Assails U.S.

By Jonathan C. Randal

Washington Post Service DAMASCUS — President Hafez Assad oo Thursday accused Israel of urging the United States to play international pirate in trying to intercept a North Korean freighter suspected of carrying Scud missiles, and he said oo such weapons were aboard the ship.

Mr. Assad said Israel had behaved like a superpower, "issuing orders to other superpowers" in trying to enlist U.S. help to intercept the ship, which eluded the U.S. Nevy and reached the Iranian port of Bandar Abbas earlier this week. In an address marking inauguration of his fourth unopposed seven-

year term since he took power in 1970, Mr. Assad said, "It is Israel that blocks peace and calls on America to play a piracy role overseas and to intercept miss ships heading for Syria." ssile-laden

During a speech before the People's Assembly, he appeared to question U.S. impartiality in the Middle East peace talks and to suggest a pro-Israeli bias in the Bush administration. ministration. It was Mr. Assad's harshest at-

tack on Washington in almost two years, and echoed the radicalism that characterized his rule in the the Soviet Union. Defending Syria's determination

missiles "according to our needs," he asked: "How could America maintain a balance between its new world order of justice and interna-

tional legitimacy intercepting mis-siles heading for Syria?" Noting that the United States was helping finance development of Israel's Arrow missile, he asked: "How could the door be open for Israel to manufacture all kinds of weapons and with no limits, and at

prevented from importing? "How could America patronize Middle East peace talks which are based on its own initiative and on United Nations resolutions," he

the same time Syria is besieged and

pose a blockade on Syria and other

Arab countries?" "How could this correspond with the new world order said to be the world of international legitima-

cy? This is the legitimacy of the jumgle, the legitimacy of beasts. Mr. Assad, 62, also said that only Israel had benefited from the Gull War, a conflict that he said was so inimical to Arab interests that it sometimes appeared as if "what happened had been deliberately anned and executed for Israel's

Nonetheless "capitulation" and "despair" were out of the question,

Texas, a Clinton supporter, said he

already found his colleagues less nervous about Mr. Clinton in the

"I don't hear e lot of peop

saying he's been mortally wounded

by the past shots et him," Mr. Edwards said. "They just hope there's

Both Mr. Clinton and Mr. Tson-

gas have key weaknesses among Democratic voters even in the

states where they won primaries on

Tuesday, according to surveys of

oters leaving the polls, The New

York Times reported from Miami, About 20 percent of the Demo-

cratic voters surveyed said they

planned to vote for George Bush in

ton because he managed to avoid being drafted in the Vietnam War.

Mr. Tsongas picked up a dispro-portionate share of the voters who

said they felt that way, indicating

the issue might be a fertile one for

Republicans should Mr. Clinton

win the Democratic communion.

As for Mr. Tsongas, a significant

number of Democrats said they

were worried that his battle with

cancer might make him unable to

Moreover, a third of the Democratic voters in New England states and e fifth in the South said they thought less favorably of Mr. Clin-

the general election.

wake of Tuesday's results.

not another smoking gum.

■ Vulnerable Points

IRAQ: Meet Terms, UN Demands

(Continued from page 1) to destroy Scud missile equipment,

saying it had commilitary uses.

Mr. Aziz, in his appearance at the United Nations, was attempting to answer charges that Iraq was trying to outwit UN teams in charge of destroying its nuclear, chemical, biological and ballistic

weapons and facilities. UN inspectors believe Iraq is still hiding weapons such as Scud missiles. Mr. Aziz repeated Iraq's claim that it had already destroyed all weapons banned under cease-

But he balked et demands to destroy equipment used to build and repair missiles, saying "we are not bargaining over our sovereignty, we are not bargaining over our

He argued that such equipment could be converted to civilian use. UN inspectors oppose this, saying traq could clandestinely switch the equipment back to make missiles. Both the United States and Brit-

ain criticized the Iraqi statement. The chief U.S. delegate, Thomas R. Pickering, said Mr. Aziz was "offering mirrors and smoke." He told the council, "I was left with the final, unfortunate conclu-

sion that not only with respect to al but declined further comment. weapons of mass destruction, but The Washington Times, speculating on possible motivations for other very important humanitarian elements, we once again are endealing with Beijing, said that Isragaged in a cat-and-mouse game."
The British delegate, Sir David Hannay, said some of Mr. Aziz's el might oced cash or was hoping to min leverage with China to slow Chinese weapons sales to the Midanswers were evasive and unsatisfactory, and that the exchange had

(Reuters, AP) shown that the problems of compli-

The special two-day session with

ance with UN resolutions would

never he resolved by words.
"They will have to be resolved by deeds," he said. Mr. Aziz ended without further ac-

tion by the council.

Responding to charges that Iraq cut off and mistreated its Kurdish and Shiite populations, which revolted after the war ended a year ago, Mr. Aziz said: There is no blockade of these provinces. I say there are precautionary measures." He said Iraq was ready to resume talks with the United Nations on

But he said such sales should not be covered by a Security Council resolution such as the one in September that allows the sale of oil to enable Iraq to buy humanitarian supplies and to begin making pay-ments into a UN Gulf War repara-

tions fund. Mr. Aziz said Iraq wanted to set its different terms for its selling the oil, but his proposal was expected to be rebuffed by council members. (Reuters, AP)

■ Hussein Promises Help

King Hussein of Jordan told President George Bush on Thursday that Jordan would "do its part" to help force Baghdad to comply with the UN-imposed cease-fire conditions. The Washington Post reported from Washington, quoting the White House spokesman, Marlin Fitzwater.

The king angered American officials last year by tilting toward Iraq in the Gulf War. His visit Thursday was termed private.

CLINTON: Worries About Past

(Continued from page 1) either are hoarding further amounioon to use against Mr. Clinton or

will — as they did with the 1988 nominee, Michael S. Dukakis find ways to exploit his public record and alleged personal short-comings to scuttle his candidacy. The Bush-Quayle campaign has sent researchers to Arkansas to document Mr. Clinton's record as governor and past campaign state-

searchers have been given strict instructions not to pry into his personal life. Mr. Tsongas, seeking to evert what could be a decisive defeat in next week's Illinois and Michigan primaries, raised that prospect

ments, but spokesmen insist the re-

Wednesday in arguing that Mr. Clinton cannot win the general

"How many people do you think the Republicans have out there investigating Bill Clinton's back-grounds?" he asked. "They have armies, armies of people."
Some Democrats in Congress

think the risks are exaggerated. Representative Jim Moody of Wisconsin said: "The Gennifer Flowers story is over and done with. As long as there's oothing more, it's of oo great concern. But if a series of oew people — or more recen! — come forward, it would be very harmful.

The Flowers issue concerns a tabloid oewspaper's allegation that Mr. Clinton once had an affair with Ms. Flowers, a former Arkansas state employee. Mr. Clinton has Representative Chet Edwards of

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A Great-Tasting Budget Bill

Tastes great/Less filling. That false di-chotomy sold a lot of beer. Today, the What was politically perverse in 1990 has House of Representatives will vote ou a similar dichotomy: Reduce the deficit/In- mise of the Soviet Union now makes frivocrease domestic spending. Logic argues for lous tens of billions in proposed defense a "yes" vote. Those goals may seem contradictory but in budgets as in beer, there's no reason the nation can't have both.

The vote will come on a bill sponsored by entire saving must go to deficit reduction. John Conyers, the Michigan Democrat, to Congress isn't likely to undertake painful remove firewalls in the 1990 budget law. Those barriers forbid Congress to switch money from defense to domestic programs. Once those barriers are down, Mr. Conyers and the Democratic leadership propose splitting the peace dividend saved from declining military budgets between deficit reduction and public investment.

In opposition, President George Bush and Republican leaders argue that the only accan spur growth and, besides, firewalls are needed for fiscal discipline. Mr. Bush and his allies are doubly mistaken.

Public investment is every bit as important to growth as private investment. And the Conyers bill would only shift spending among programs; it wouldn't raise the deficit a dime or crode discipline.

The 1990 budget law was designed to reduce the deficit by about \$500 billion over five years through modest spending cutbacks and tax hikes. Without debate, Congress agreed to separate caps on domestic, international and defense programs. The amendment defaced an otherwise laudable bill, blocking Congress from

now become fiscally irresponsible. The despending. But Congress has precious little incentive to capitalize on the golden opportunity. It can cut military spending but the tasks like closing bases on behalf of the grand abstraction of deficit reduction.

Besides, deficit reduction alone performs no magic. Smaller deficits help the economy because they mean the Government siphons less out of private capital markets. That leaves more money for entrepreneurs, leading to faster growth in investment, productivity and wages.

But there's another key to economic ceptable way to use the money is to reduce growth: Public investment in telecommunithe deficit. They say only deficit reduction cations networks, water treatment, education, training, research. These have been slighted in the Reagan-Bush years, yet study after study shows that such public investments produce returns as high as, or higher than, private investment.

Mr. Bush threatens to veto the Convers bill because he assumes Congress will throw away the peace dividend on wasteful expenditures. That's a legitimate worry. But the remedy is not to veto Congress's capacity to choose; it is to veto wrong choices it might

Deficit reduction; increased public investment. The economy needs both. Both taste great.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Guns Help Kids Kill Kids

Reports of students shooting students at a Brooklyn high school shocked New York and the nation. Now there is even more shocking news about the roots of the teenage gun menace: gun manufacturers, protected by Washington and the National Rifle Association, are competing to sell weapons that make it easier for children to kill children.

Urban teen-agers know better than anyone how guns have transformed adolescent life. In a recent Times interview, Shawn Cameron remembered more innocent days when "you'd fight in the morning, but by afternoon, y'all laugh together, y'all best friends again." But now, his schoolmate Kareem Smith asserts, the dispute is settled with gunplay, "You get some beef, just get a burner gun) and do what you got to do," be explains.

Tosha Paulley, another student, adds plaintively, "It might seem like a dream, but if I had all the money, I would ... build a big magnet that would attract all these guns and destroy them."

· A dream indeed. The nation's gun industry has saturated the market (or traditional revolvers and hunting rifles. In search of

new customers, producers like Raven Arms and Davis Industries of California have developed small, cheaply made semiantomatic handguns that are popular with teenagers and drug dealers. The Intratec company of Florida offers the menacing Tec-9 assault pistol, with its 32-round magazine, for less than \$300. It even advertises models specially coated for "excellent resistance to fingerprints."

Despite the threat, many states impose more restrictions on automobiles than on such gams, and the prospect of serious fed-eral regulation remains clusive.

The National Rifle Association insists that even moderate measures like waiting periods for gun purchases would lead to "the ultimate confiscation of all guns in Few in Congress believe such nonsense,

but many heed the lobby because it contributed more than \$20 million to candidates in 1990 and campaigns to defeat its

New trends in the gnn industry - and the voices from Jefferson High - make clear the cost of such cowardice.

TB Is Back: Still Deadly

Tuberculosis, once declining steadily, is later declined and then was phased out in on the rise — in fact, it has been for some favor of block grants to the states, which time. This infectious disease, in some cases spent little if any on TB. When TB began to more deadly than the old strains, isn't consure after 1985, federal funding specificalfined to the infirm and the elderly in hospi- ly for TB containment failed to rise signifitals and sanitoriums. It is striking the urban cantly until this year. poor, the homeless, AIDS patients, drug Elimination of TB will take a return to users, immigrants, migrant farm workers proven prevention strategies that the states and people languishing in lockups and pris-ons. It is afflicting young and middle-aged abandoned. The price will be far higher people in places where treatment is difficult now, with the cost of treating tens of thouto administer and prevention is labor-inten- sands of cases, than the price of sustained sive and costly.

The resurgence of tuberculosis isn't particularly sudden or particularly surprising.

Public health officials began noticing outbreaks in Harlem and other inner cities

The resurgence of tuberculosis isn't particularly surprising.

decade. The American Lung Association is urging Congress to appropriate 566 million, more than double current spending.

There are plenty of dismaying parallels more than a decade ago, and they warned of the disease spreading ont of control.

By 1985, the national curve began to rise

ominously upward, statistical confirmation that TB had made a comeback.

rose by more than 9 percent, the highest ary frill. Now, as measles spreads throughone-year increase since nationwide reporting began in 1953. Complacency and a lack of sustained

funding are to blame for the rise. The prevention programs of the '70s were a success, and as the TB cases began to wane, so did this country is another sorry example that the funds for clinics and outreach workers. .In 1969, the federal government paid \$20 million for tuberculosis control. Funding

prevention would have been during the past

between the rise in TB and rise of childhood communicable diseases.

Both were all but cradicated only to return in force to the inner cities, where the delivery of health care is unacceptably spot-In 1990, the number of reported cases ty and prevention is regarded as a budgetout day-care centers and as TB begins to infect middle-class social workers, health care workers and public defenders, attention is being paid. It's almost too late. The progression of infectious diseases in

should never be allowed to falter. - THE WASHINGTON POST.

A Vital Difference

In countries like the United States, breast-feeding though always desirable, doesn't mean the difference between good and poor nutrition - or life and death

But it does in developing countries, where for decades infant food manufacturers have disrupted breast-feeding by dis-tributing free and low-cost samples of in-fant formulas to hospitals and birthing

Once the samples, usually a few days' supply, are gone, desperately poor families are unable to buy more. Neither, in many cases, can they sterilize bottles and nipples. Meanwhile the mothers' breast milk has dried up.

So hungry infants swallow watered-down formula from bacteria-sullied bottles. In all. the United Nations Children's Fund estimates, at least a million infants die every year because they aren't adequately breast-

fed. Last year, after a decade's pressure from health organizations, the International Association of Infant Food Manufacturers promised to stop distributing formula samples by the end of 1992.
That means millions of mothers have to

be encouraged to breast-feed again, which requires a new campaign by Unicef and the World Health Organization. This week Unicef and WHO announced

that hospitals and maternity centers in 12 countries, among them Egypt, Thailand and Kenya, had complied with steps to educate new mothers about breast-feeding. Eventually, they hope, health facilities everywhere will join them.

Helping a woman to breast-feed may not sound like much, but its potential for better health for babies is enormous. This initiative should rank high.

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OPINION

Loud Leaks Can't Replace Policy

By Flora Lewis

D ARIS - There were the clearly inspired, loud-I ly trumpeted warnings over a month ago that Washington was about to do something drastic

There have been intermittent, ominous noises about the terrible punishment Libya faces if it doesn't deliver two suspected terrorists for trial

Plans to intercept a North Korean ship said to be carrying missiles to Iran were widely publi-cized. Nothing has happened.

At the States Department at least, a top official who would normally know said recently that nothing was in the works about Iraq. He tried to suggest that the "leaks" were planted by someone in Congress, though it was obvious by the reporters involved that the source had to be in the White House. Well, he said, in any case "it didn't come from this building." The North Korean missile stories were clearly

attributed to the Pentagon, also the originators of the weard scenarios for future threats in the world, all carbon copies of past wars, and of the mindless argument for making America the world's permanent, lone policeman.

The State Department let out word that Syria, long suspected to be the address of the Pam-Am Lockerbie bomb plot had nothing to do with it and that the outrage was concocted in Libya, all without any evidence or even hints to support clearing Damascus and charging Tripoli.

There is a pattern here, lots of thunder and no

lightning. It's as though sensational leaks were orchestrated to take the place of deeds. It's hard to imagine Saddam Hussein would be intimidated by Washington rumors when a 500,000 man for

But apparently someone thought it might work,

or at least silence for a time the critics who complain that the job was half done.

School Lifting the plans don't call for advance advertizing. The North Korean ship had plenty of notice and was able to take the obvious precaution of hugging the Iranian coast once it passed the Strait of Hormuz.

strative signaling was a clever, deliberate effort to befuddle and distract the world while Washington

gets on with electioneering.
But it looks more like the same kind of flailing about, "do anything" in the words of President George Bush, which has come to characterize the

Bush re-election campaign.

Not surprisingly, the Pentagon is groping to justify continuing hefty defense budgets. Mr. Bush has promised to limit cuts to \$50 billion over five years, "and no more." Some kind of arguments have to be offered to support this beyond the pleasure of spending money and keeping military industries at work. Meanwhile, Washington's Star Wars traveling

salesman is going about trying to interest allies again in buying in because Mr. Bush is determined to continue the program. Revised and renamed GPALS (Global Protection Against Limited Action Strikes) it aims to wipe out only a small number of long-range high-flying missiles (not shorter range or low trajectory ones) instead of the Reagan fantasy of a perfect shield.

Most countries see no point in this expensive project given the changed threat. The Soviets have wn some interest.

But high-ranking Soviet scientists say this is because they want to sell some technology they have developed, especially a space-based nuclear power reactor, and their military don't want to be left out if the U.S. does go ahead.

If there is a policy behind all this, it seems to be:

nake a "new world order" by doing military business as usual and talking tougher to small

Washington is angry with Canada for deciding to pull its 6,300 NATO troops out of Europe by 1995, though it is contributing 1,200 to the UN force for Yugoslavia. Prime Minister Brian Mulroney explained, cogently, that "the enemy is unrest in Central Europe."

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peace-keeping forces and that "explains the

lenty of notice and was able to take the obvious recaution of hugging the Iranian coast once it assed the Strait of Hormuz.

If there were signs of a steady hand at the helm,



ican commitment "pathetically madequate."

Perhaps less base has lound the way to main tain defense spending and save money at the same time. The secret weapon is shoot with words. They seem to be cheap. But idle threats can turn out to be the most expensive. O Flora Lewis.

Pete Wilson: Enough Is Enough of Pat Buchanan But the governor said both the

SACRAMENTO, California — Governor Pete Wilson is what the world used to call Californians: "laid back," a politician whose manner seldone strongs from the Mand. But shere days there is a subject that arouses him: Patrick Buchanan.

"I've been shocked by the com-ments Pat has made." Mr. Wilson said in an interview — "saying that Hitler was a man of courage and great gifts, and a number of racist and distinctly anti-Semitic comments. . . . This is not someone who should be taken seriously as a spokes-

man for the Republican Party."
Republican leaders around the country, including President George
Bush, have generally avoided direct attacks on Mr. Buchanan. Mr. Wilson broke the pattern this week.

What apparently riled him was a statement by the challenger on Mr. Bush's right that Republicans were waiting for statement to stand up to "George Bush-, Pete Wilson-style Republicanism," and that the California was a standard of the California was a standard or fornia primary on June 2 would be "the Antietam of the Republican Party." Antietam was one of the bloodiest battles of the Civil War.

Mr. Wilson replied, "I don't have a whole lot of time for Pat, I have a

By Anthony Lewis nation-state of 30 million people

to manage. He has only his own

Would Mr. Buchanan compete in the California primary? I asked the governor. He said President Bush would have won a majority of the delegate votes "well before that." But mightn't Mr. Buchanan persist? "That all depends," Mr. Wilson

said. "If his purpose is to be a spoiler, if his purpose is really to injure George Bush and elect a Democratic president, then he will.

But that would be the only thing that would make any sense of persist-

ing past a time when he has clearly lost the nomination. He could no longer justify saying. I'm attempting to make my point. Whatever point he thinks he's making he has long Att. of treature Mr. Wilson himself is engaged these' days in tough partisan conflict with

the Democrats who control the California Legislature. He is no longer seen, at least by them, as the moderate technocrat he seemed in the early days of his governorship a year ago. Early on, Mr. Wilson agreed to a

back to the death and destruction. A few weeks later, Mr. Begin was

gone. He resigned as prime minister on Sept. 15, 1983, telling his col-

leagues he could not continue. He spent the rest of his life as a virtual

recluse, surfacing only occasionally

- but never to explain or complain.
The than I get to know during two
long interviews for The Wall Street

Journal was a different person from

the unsmiling unyielding man Americans met on their television screens.

He was an old-world gentleman who

dressed in a formal business suit even

when everyone else in Israel was

wearing an open-necked sport shirt; a

lawyer who worked in an office lined

with Israeli texts, a Jewish encyclope-

dia and a "Jane's" guide to military

And be was funny. That was the

he was funny like Mel Brooks' 2,000

Year-Old Man. When I once men-

tioned to him that I had just read his

book, "The Revolt," he responded:

weapons around the world.

whopping \$7 billion in tax increases to help overcome a \$14 billion deficit. The cavemen of California's Ray and can right were furious.

But more recently he has proposed an initiative, to be on the ballot next fall, that would put sharp curbs on welfare. Grants would he cut by 10 percent, then 15 percent more after six months for families with an ablebodied adult. Mothers on aid would get no more money for additional children. Families recently arrived in California would get no more than in their previous state.

Democrats decry the welfare initiative as a political move by Mr. Wilson to cover his right flank. One said the governor "practices the canoe theory of politics: paddle on the left, paddle on the right."

Democratic leaders also criticize

the welfare initiative at a covert power grab, because it would give the governor more control over the state budget process. They foresee the balance of power swinging away from the Legislature anyway, because term limits that have just passed their last legal test will strip it of its experi-enced members by 1999. tax increases of last year and the new welfare initiative were dictated by When the hour deficit loomed a

year ago, he said, after \$5 outton in budget cuts neither party in the Legislature had the stomach for more. Republicans resisted additional cuts in education. Democrats in health and welfare spending. So the only way out was to raise Mr. Wilson said education, not in-

cluding higher education, now takes 45 percent of California's general revenues, health and welfare 30 percent. By the year 2000 they are projected to take 100 percent of the state's tax revenue. So plainly, he said, something had to give. For all his modest demeanor,

Democrats see Pete Wilson as a man intent on becoming president of the

A state senator said: "He has an insatiable appetite for power. He is the Rosebud of politics. Mr. Wilson laughed off the idea that he has a "grand design" aimed at 1996. "In this strange life," he said, "two years is an eternity

The New York Times.

Begin's Generation of 'Holocaust and Redemption'

By David Ignatius

WASHINGTON — Menachem Begin told me in July 1982, before the war in Lebanon had gone sour on him, that when he retired he planned to write a book, to be called The Generation of Holocaust and Redemption." "This is my generation," Mr. Begin

said during an interview that day, outlining the chapters of his book. "I survived 10 wars, two world wars, Soviet concentration and, five years in the address and a functional and 26 years in opposition in the (Israeli) parliament. Twenty-six years, never losing faith in a cause." And how would Mr. Begin end his book? "People ask me sometimes the question, "How would you like to be remembered?" he said. "Perhaps 1 will end the book with this. And the answer is, as a decent man. No more." Mr. Begin never published the

book, but in a sense it was unnecessary. For Mr. Begin's entire life was the story of that generation — of the impossible tragedy of the Holocaust, and the impossible triumph of Israel. The last time I saw Mr. Begin was a year later, in August 1983. By then,

he was the Lion in Winter, gaunt and sad-eyed, brooding about the war in Lebanon that had gone so badly wrong. A man who had devoted his career to saving Jewish lives and making Israel more secure was now caught in a war that was daily killing Jews, without adding to Israel's security. For Menachem Begin, that rec-ognition must have been agony. "The truth is that he is sad," said

Yehiel Kadishai, Mr. Begin's personal secretary and comrade from the Irgun Zvai Leumi underground, when I asked about his melancholy boss. "It's true. There is a deep sadness in his heart. He is a person who can't show a laughing face when there is sadness in his heart."

Mr. Begin's aides explained that he couldn't take his mind off the continuing Locali death tell in Lebanon. He would ask each day for the latest casualty figures, for the details of how each soldier had died. When his aides tried to change the subject, he would steer them

Avoid the Untidy Fall

No reasonable person can underestimate the actual, and more importantly, the potential strength of the U.S. But entrusting its dream to the armed legions brings to our minds the fall of the Roman Empire. But the fail instead a long time and was ascompanied by unspeakable atroc-

- " Manifesta (Rome).

"What? You were having trouble sleeping, maybe?" When a colleague once asked him what had been the

greatest achievement of the Jewish

people during their long history, Mr. Begin gave him a cockeyed look and

Mr. leads knew who his enemies were the adestine Liberation Organization, which he always called the

He explained during my first conversation with him, in July 1981:

"My language is 'so-called PLO.' Not because of the "P' and not because of

the "O." They may stay. Because of the 'L.' What kind of a liberation is it

to try to destroy a people, and all the

time to turn the weapons against the

the town of Nabariya who had re-

cently been killed by the PLO's Sovi-

et-made Katyusha rockets, and the way he described it reminded his lis-

tener that for Mr. Begin, the Holo-

canst was always present in memory.

He talked about one old man from

deadpanned: "The day of rest."

'so-called PLO."

civilian population?"

cepted larael's right to exist? Here is how Mr. Begin, wary to the end of his days, answered that question in 1982.

"It would be a deception," he said.
"I wouldn't believe Hitler, or Goering, or Goebbels, and I will not believe Mr. Arafat, or Farouk Kaddouni, or Abu lyad. They proved to us in writing, in deeds, in speeches that they are bent on the destruction of Israel. And no nation will ever agree to commit suicide."

The Washington Post.

something that had happened just before yesterday. "Amongst the people who got killed by the Katyushas was a man age 68," Mr. Begin said. "Yes, be lived for several years in Auschwitz, if I may say so. And then he survived Auschwitz and came to this land, or he came back to the land of his forefathers. And here, 36 years after the end of the war, and after he had survived Auschwitz, the Soviet-supplied Katyusha — supplied to a neo-Nazi organization, which killed a Jew because he is a Jew — it got him." That was the essential Begin. He

was born into his generation of holocaust and redemption, and it was foolish of the Americans, let alone the Arabs, to imagine that they could ever sweet-talk him out of it, and into a sense of security and confidence that his entire history denied. What if Yasser Arafat were to announce (as he later did) that he ac-

The writer is the foreign editor of

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1892: The Fleet Race

been told that their Navy is worthless, and their Army rather worse than worthless, that it is doubtful if they will be much disturbed by the letters in the Independence Belge, which show that the British fleet in the Mediterranean is at the mercy of the French. It will hardly be news to the English that their fleet is inferior to that which the French have in the same waters. The French have a long line of coast on the Mediterranean, it is only natural that they should keep

worthy of greatest praise. The House will recollect that, after a stubborn struggle, particularly on the right bank of the Tigris, where very heavy losses were inflicted up on the enemy. General Mande crossed the river in the night of Feb. 23 near Kut-el-Amara, placing the Turkish army in

suffered heavy losses among their initial invasion fleets in the waters of New Guinea above the Australian mainland, appeared today [March ed the enemy's timetable in two days of a surone, running commer-orientive, meantime was being marshaled for heavier attacks, particularly in defense of Port Moresby, the southern-most major New Guinea harbor.

Canada Becomes A Target

By Hobart Rowen

WASHINGTON — Japan-bashing has escalated to a shrill and dangerous level in the United States. Less publicized is a growing exercise in Canada-bashing.
Canada is the biggest trading partner of the United States, while Japan

ranks second. Under the combined stress of declining competitiveness in the past occase and recession in the past year and a half, America is displaying a provincialism in dealings with both of its key trading partners. A recent U.S. Customs Bureau ruling barred Hondas made in Canada from entering the United States duty-free under the U.S.-Canadian free trade agreement. Customs slapped a back-due bill of about \$17 million on Honda of Canada.

America's anti-Canadian posture has become the leading story in print and on television in an economy in worse shape than America's own. Tensions were exacerbated when customs officials arbitrarily excluded the Canadian press from a briefing in Washington on their Honda decision. Thus does the United States deal with a friendly partner that shares a transcontinental border.

The Customs Service contrived a ruling that Canadian Hondas had not

met the test of at least 50 percent North American content required by the trade agreement for daily free cutry. Washington thus insults Canada by saying that what the Canadians ocrtify as Canadian is not Canadian. The Canadians are also upset by a

preliminary Commerce Department finding that would allow duties of around 15 percent on \$2.5 billion in Canadian lumber exports.

It is hard to argue that the Canadians are anything but right. Washing-ton seems to have reneged on the basic commitment of the free trade

agreement: to give each country free access to the other's markets. In the Honda case, the Customs Service in 1991 began negotiations to boost the North American content requirement for duty-free entry under the trade agreement from 50 to 60 percent. The Canadians charge that this was in response to pressure from American manufacturers who must compete with Honda, a car that Américan consumers take as a standard of excellence.

When the Canadians did not agree. the customs people — Canadian sources allege — looked around for another way of making the Canadian Honda less attractive in the U.S. market. They found it by concocting a new definition of what is and what is not made in North America.

The United States is engaging in clearly an abusive interpretation" of the free trade agreement, Gordon Rit-cine, one or one key Canadian negoria-tors for the agreement, said in an interview. "When they failed to get what they wanted through negotiation, they did it by administrative [decree]. In Canada, this is not a technical, trade issue. This is a political issue. As far as Canada is concerned, Honda is a Canadian company, and it is seeking access to the U.S. market under a U.S-

Canadian agreement." He suspects that after Preside George Bush's January trip to Japan, the United States chose to send a "hardball" message to Tokyo: If you want to produce in North America, it's better to build the plants in the United States. And never mind the impact on Canada's economy. Mr. Richie, now with Strategico, a Cana-dian business advisory firm, says the Honda plant, the most efficient in Canada, was being considered for a 100 percent expansion.

The underlying premise of the free trade agreement, as Mr. Ritchie says, was to allow foreign investors to look at the whole of North America and decide where to locate on the basis of straightforward, competitive economic factors. It seems painfully evident that Mr. Bush, flustered by the combined impact of recession and the Pat Buchanan challenge, is going back on America's word to Canada, and that this could ultimately spell the demise of the U.S.-Canadian agreement. The chill in relations casts doubt

on the viability of the proposed North American free trade agreement among the United States, Can-ada and Mexico that President Bush once argued could be the cornerstone of a new era of prosperity for North America. If the United States and Canada, which share language, history, culture and a similar stage of industrial advancement, cannot make a free trade agreement work between themselves, how can they make one work with Mexico, still a developing country? The Washington Post.

PARIS - The English have so often

a much larger fleet in commission.

1917: Bagdad Has Fallen

LONDON — Mr. Bonar Law today [March 12] told the House the story of General Maude's lightning march on the law was counted any yesterday morning. The success is the result of a series of brilliant operation. tions executed by the Anglo-Indian troops with a dash and determination

1942: Japan Regroupe

CANBERRA — [From our New York edition:] The Japanese, having

12] to be taking breath for new efforts to consolidate and extend their positions on that island. Allied air power, which was declared to have dislocat-

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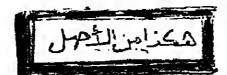
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Nixon Return: Old Device, New Medium WASHINGTON — All the politi-cal munchkins had persuaded their principals that, in a recession,

foreign policy was a no-no. Foreign aid? Kiss of death. Along came Richard Nixon this week to give all the candidates and their lock-step pollsters a swift kick in the teeth.

He reminded a foolishly intimidated Establishment what leadership was about: "Not simply to support what is popular but to make what is unpopular popular if that serves America's interest."

To wake up a world trammatized by conventional wisdom, the only thinking ex-president used a new medium and an

He rejected the mass media, which tend to paint their tails white and run with the antelopes. He chose not to go the op-ed route, overused by purveyors of opinion.

Instead, drawing on the Lazarsfeld Theory of Two-Step Communication, Mr. Nixon wrote a memorandum and sent it, with a personal cover note, to the 50 people interested in foreign affairs that he believed most capable of affecting public policy.

It is the most prestigious list to be on since the "enemies list" of 20 years ago. A By William Safire

former national security adviser called me to say "Did you see what Nixon is saying?" In the steam room of the Army-Navy Club, a longtime policymaker won-dered whether Mr. Nixon's tight-circulation blast at the West's "pathetically inadequate" response to the needs of

Russian reformers would get through. James Baker, whose phony photo-op Russian-aid conference was scorned in the Nixon memo, is not on the list. But Brent Scowcroft at the White House is. and brought it to the attention of President George Bush, who discussed it with ex-President Nixon early this week.

The nonsecret memo made its way into the hands of Daniel Schorr, writing an Op-Ed piece for The New York Times, and Times news editors immediately saw its news value as implicit criocism of Mr. Bush. Tom Friedman's front-page cews story and next-day analysis not only exposed White House timidity but the shallowness of the position of candidates Clinton and Tsongas.

The memo formed the basis of a speech

wide live, and excerpts are on the nightly ocwscasts. The memo got around.

It cannot be ignored. But President Bush says only, "I doo't have a blank check for all of that."

The new medium works, but what gave the memo force is not the repetition of Mr. Nixon's frequent calls to help President Boris N. Yeltsin, oor even his criticism of Western leaders and candidates for failure to heed that call.

Mr. Nixon goes against the grain of timidity and challenges the isolationists on political grounds. The man whose career began in the ern of "Who Lost China?" now raises the specter of "Who Lost Russia?" To be timed one will cost a political leader dearly later.

He understands the vacuum sucking the life out of politics today: the absence of a global villain. For voters who need to be against something, Mr. Nixon supplies "the New Despotism." And it's oo chimera; the danger, when you think

"If a new despotism prevails," warns Mr. Nixon, "everything gained in the eat peaceful revolution of 1991 will delivered at a two-day policy conference in Washington sponsored by the Nixon Library. CNN telecast the speech world-in sponsored by the Nixon despots use force... China's totalitarians (!) would breathe a sigh of relief.



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Support From Republican Ex-Presidents Keeps Rolling In

... A new Russian despotism... would be even more dangerous than Soviet

If he's wrong, and the West spends \$20 billion a year extending freedom, no harm done; but if he's right, and the New Despotism arrives, the U.S. alone would be spending 20 times that every year; oo peace dividend; and our chil-dren would live in fear of ouclear destruction. Woe betide the politician on the wrong side of that.

Two decades ago, I went to furtive

gatherings of Nixon hands; we called ourselves "the February group" and avoided ootice. At the bipartisan, starstudded conference this week, with Mr. Nixon in his final comeback urging the assembled leaders to reaffirm national purpose, it was good to see many of those faces looking proud again.

My favorite Nixon, Julie Eisenhower, caught the wonderment: "We couldn't be sure this day would come. But I never stopped believing."

The New York Times.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Drop in the Hole

Regarding "Shuttle Versus Ozone," (Feb. 28) Letters:

Krov Menuhin says that each launching of the space shuttle emits 187 tons of chlorine and chlorine-containing compounds. He suggests that the launching of space shuttles is responsible for ozone depletion. Actually, only about 68 tons get into the stratosphere. There are about 10 space shuttle launchings a year, so some 680 tons are dumped into the stratosphere per year. This may appear to be a large quantity, but it pales into insignificance compared with the 300,000 tons a year from industrial and natural halocarbons (CFCs). Mr. Menuhin is doing nobody a favor when he tries to pin the blame for ozone depletion on a relatively minor source.

PATRICK HAMILL Capartino, California.

No Second Thoughts Regarding the editorial "Swiss Second Thoughts" (March 3):

As an independent consultant living in Amsterdam, I am familiar with the illicit drug situation in Switzerland and the United States, Amsterdam never had an experiment, like Platzspitz in Zurich, "where drug use in public was tolerated." Amsterdam and other Dutch cities have been experimenting for two decades with several options to manage and contain drug use and retail-dealing problems, rather than to fight them outright. The results: limited and surveyable drug

problems, oo public health problems presented by drug users to the rest of the population, very few drug-related deaths. low oumbers of HIV infection and AIDS cases. Those are most experts' second thoughts about Amsterdam.

Zurich and other European cities and regions, are following the Amsterdam course more and more. They learn from the Dutch, but they all must develop their own way of managing their own drug problems, which includes making their own mistakes. The Swiss must do it differently from the Germans; the Germans again are working in circum-stances that are different from those in Greece or ftaly.

When cities, like Zurich, take really daring steps and try out creative forms of drug-problem management they deserve the support of all well-meaning people. Second thoughts about and careful evaluation of Platzspitz will underpin the need for humane and rational drug policies at the local level and not scare cities away from developing management strategies. HENK JAN van VLIET.

Amsterdam

Fighting Words Regarding "Look Up, Europe, the Eastern Frontier Has Opened," by Brian Beedham (Feb. 27), Opinion:

"And there will be no Indian Wars, even if some apparatchiks do go on behaving like Apaches," Mr. Beedham writes. Well, excuse the Apaches. I don't know where Mr. Beedham hails from, but let me remind your readers of a few

facts of American life: The Indians were there first. The Apaches, Navajos, Sioux and others surely did fight for the land, but the resistance of conquest somehow seems proper. They lost, but their resistance is largely responsible for continued recognition of (tribal) governments, with rights of self-determination greater than those of other minority groups in

the United States. Comparing apparatchiks and Apaches may seem clever and alliterative to Mr. Beedham, but it advances his case not at all.

ROBERT LAURENCE Budapest.

Taking Authority

Regarding "Travel Update," Feb. 22: ft is not "the Tibetan authorities" who will ban foreigners from Lhasa during celebrations of the New Year, but the Chinese occupying forces.

PROFESSOR C. R. B JOYCE

Keep Em Snooping

The IHT headline "Funding for U.S. Intelligence Could Stay at Cold War Levels" (March 3), meaning \$30 billion a year, would have a very chilling effect if it were believed. Surely it is absurd to think such sums are needed when there is no industrialized nation that is a potential U.S. enemy and when far greater dangers threaten us from widespread domestic neglect.

If Democrats are sometimes charged

with being "soft oo defense," Robert M. Gates, the director of central intelligence, must think Congress and the public are "soft in the head."

ALFRED E DAVIDSON.

The Meaning of Friendship Regarding "The Demonizers of Israel Ignore Some Simple Facts" (Opinion, Feb. 26) by A. M. Rosenthal:

A writer who tolerates no criticism of a dear friend and reverts to a crude defense when told his friend is in error, loses all credibility as an objective observer and is no longer taken seriously. Such is the case of A. M. Rosenthal.

the Middle-East peace process deserve a better friend. VIRGINIA SCOZZARI-CERMAK.

Israel and those banking their hopes on

Land Rights, Body Rights

In response to "'Environmentalism Is the New Paganism," They Say, 'It is Evil" "(Opinion, Feb. 25):

I am neither anti- nor pro-ecology. I have lived for 78 years believing that if we do what is right, the results will be right, Everybody knows right from wrong. Dedicated landowners will defend their property rights and the environment, Jessica Mathews quotes Ron Arnold,

anti-environmentalist, who states: "We will not allow our right to own property and use name's resources for the benefit of mankind to be stripped from us by a

bunch of eco-fascists. ... No one should be allowed to tell a man what he can and cannot do on his land."

A similar statement can be made about abortion. A woman's body is her own. No one, least of all men on the Supreme Court, should be allowed to tell any woman what she can or cannot do with her body.

Four thousand women travel each year from Ireland to England for abor-tions. Multiply this small figure worldwide! Eco-fascist pro-lifers are also environmentalists. Certainly it will oot help the world to people it with unwanted babies who grow up to make more environmental demands on an already overpopulated world,

ELEANOR GIFFORD-MENZEL Oberstdorf, Germany.

Correct or Stupid?

As an author, I am fascinated by how rapidly our language changes. Not long ago the word to denote crass stupidity was "lobotomized." Then it became "brain-damaged," or "brain-dead." Now it is "politically correct."

DESMOND LESLIE St. Jeannet, France,

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New England of the Past: Now That Was Snow, Man

By Christopher B. Daly

BOSTON — All across New England, children old enough to wield a shovel have not seen a decent snowfall in

So, as another dreary brown winter drags toward a close, it has become the job of old-timers like me to keep alive memories of the great snows of yester-year — the lovely, drifting heaps of unspoiled flakes, the gleaming nighttime crust of frozen snow, the daylong whiteout of a first-class blizzard.

That was real snow, kids. When it was higher than your waist, or snowplows

MEANWHILE

piled it above your parents' heads, or when it was so frenzied that even your dad had to stay home from work, that was real snow.

When I was almost of shoveling age at the close of the second Eisenhower administracion, winter in New England had certain features as dependable as

namre itself used to be.

The first snow almost always fell between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Then winter began in earnest, and snow would mount from New Year's Day until St. Patrick's Day. It would melt a bit on sunny days, then freeze overnight into a crust you could walk on the next morning. Well before complete meltdown, an-

other snowstorm would barrel through. In late March, brown grass would appear in sunny spots where snow melted fastest. Trickles, then speedy rivulets, then great gushing rills of water would

slide down streets. The last to melt were the great roadside mounds formed by snowplows after becoming sooty black, corrupted with salt, sand and months of muddy grime. In southern New England, spring followed; in the north, a month of mud ensued. Even then, there was a chance of being smacked with 8 to 10 inches (20 to 25 centimeters) as late as April.

These days, winter in New England hardly deserves the name. There are short episodes of pseudo-snow - "flurries" and "dustings" -- or expected 6- to 8-inchers that fizzle or stall over the "nation's midsection," wherever that is. My 4-year-old, Gabe, has never seen snow to his waist, let alone snow to the windows, as f recall it.

When we do see snow, Gabe and I know just what to do. Throw on the long johns, grab the sled and dash over to the hill in the park before the sun emerges, And if Gabe has a conflict - school or a birthday party to attend, for instance --he's out of buck. It's unfair. It's unnatural.

This winter has been a special aggravation for snow lovers here because, with no winter games of our own, we watched the Olympics on television around the clock. We could see those big kids going every which way down moun-tains of snow in the French Alps, while all we had outside was mnd and drizzle.

Consider last month. According to The Boston Globe, the temperature here during February averaged 32.5 degrees (0 degrees centigrade), nearly 2 degrees above "normal." Snowfall totaled 4 mch-

es over 29 days, more than 7 inches below average. For this entire, pathetic winter, we've seen slightly more than 10 inches of snow, less than one-third of the average 31.8 inches to which we are accustomed. Whether this is the first glimpse of climatelogical future shock or simply a predictable fluctuation remains unclear.

A certainty, though, is that a mild, dry winter simply produces different winners and losers Field mice, for example, normally

run back and forth in tunnels they dig under snow, which insulates them from wind and cold and hides them from enemies. For them, this winter is a disaster. For their many predators, such as owis, it is a bonanza.

A hard winter plagues deer and moose that can't move easily or find food while coping with snow that touches their bel-lies. This winter is their friend, and their natural enemies go a bit hungrier.

For skiers too, this winter is a mixed blessing. Those who favor cross-country skiing, snowshoeing or snowmobiling can only wait and watch the skies. For downhill enthusiasts, however, fun comes shooting out of a barrel. Entre-preneurs learned long ago how to cope with Mother Nature as long as she offers . cold nights. They blast artificial snow from a gun, and major ski areas become glistening white oases in a sea of drab.

City and town governments have saved

millions of dollars this winter because plowing, sanding and salting machines have been idle. But kids have missed out on those instant thrills known as "snow days," when snow provided both motive and means for unexpected fun.

Life certainly is diminished in this landscape of browns and grays. Would Robert Frost have written "Stopping by Woods on a Muddy Evening"? And would we want to make our children

The Washington Post.

Seafood Inspection

F 1SH is the protein of choice for people concerned about cholesterol and fat. But consumer advocates are warning that seafood may also be the largest dietary source of toxic chemicals, pesticides and bacteria. Those findings demonstrate the urgent need for mandatory federal seafood inspection. While Congress mandates inspection of all beef and ponitry, seafood goes to market without such consumer protection. Consumers Union, in a recent study, found fecal bacteria in oearly half the fish it tested. Congress and President George Bush have repeatedly failed to enact a scafood inspection program with teeth. - Los Angeles Times.

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The Suburbanizing of Provence

By Christopher Petkanas

AINT-REMY-DE-PROVENCE France - In a scene straight out of Pagnol, two workers in the local apricot orchards are savoring that ritual moment when an ice cube dropped into a narrow glass of pastis turns the liquor cloudy. Then the atmosphere is corrupted. A white Renault Rodeo purts up to the curb of the Café des Arts and out bounces a young woman with images of Mickey Mouse climb-ing up and down the legs of her jeans — Princess Stephanie of Monaco.

"There goes the neighborhood," one of the

fruit pickers in effect says to the other. For Midi-watchers, Stephanie and her sister Caroline, who has a 99-year-lease on a farmhouse near Avignon, are the last nails in the coffin of inland Provence, the final signposts on the ever more crowded road to popularity and commercialization, snobbery, vulgarity, falsity and fashionability.

Buckling under the weight of international

interest lavished by the food, fashion, and home furnishings industries, not to mention publishing and real estate, the south of France of the Vancluse and Bouches-du-Rhône (as distinct from the Côte d'Azur, where all this is old news) is being choked of

"Since Provence has been à la mode in New York, 'le style provençal' has begun to please the Marseillais," snipes Jean-Pierre Demery, the patriarch of Souleiado, the Provençal fabrie house with 80 boutiques around the world from Stockholm to Tokyo.

EN years ago a perfectly enchanting little town with a breathtaking Roman arch and mausoleum, Saint-Rémy is today jammed with shops selling iron wrought into more variations on the humble garden chair than one would have thought possible. In 1989 olive trees were pulled up and put back into the ground to make way for a hotly contested golf course on the other side of Les Alpilles at the foot of the spectacular site of Les

Saint-Remy even has its own royalty, or maila, if you prefer, in the Grimaldi girls. Caroline's close friend Ines de la Fressange, the model turned clothing designer; Jacques Grange, decorator to the stars, and the newly arrived Pierre Bergé, Yves Saint Laurent chieftain and head of the Paris Opéra, The other weekend Bergé touched down at Avignon airport in a private jet, cradling his Jack Russell terrier, Ficelle, then did what all trendy home owners new to Provence do: He chased down a pair of vintage pots d'Anduce,



handsomely stripped by time of much of their glaze. (Pristine Anduze garden urns with all their glaze are considered the last word in bad taste.)

The competition to have what is vernacularly correct is even more cutthroat in the neighboring Luberon region - mountains that Christian Lacroix, a native son, calls "a

"The most ridiculous cliché of all is the \$7,000, 150-year-old olive tree planted between the house and where guests park their cars so they see it the second they arrive —at that price you don't bury it in the backyard," says Alain David Idoux, a sculptor who is also one of the region's leading young land-scape artists. "The other must-haves are three cypresses positioned at the entrance to say welcome, and a green lawn as if we were in Normandy. People are nuts."

Every Sunday morning, le tout Luberon swoops over to l'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue, billed as "the town of 200 antique dealers," not only to purchase trafficked bits of furniture (tabletops are rarely attached to the legs they were born with) but, more important, to check each other out. One also buys one's three lecks at this, one of Provence's most thrilling open markets, serves them for din-ner in light cast by mouth-blown hurricane lamps from Hervé Baum in Avignon, and in a dining room whose walls are painted according to the most recent issue of Côte Sud (currently, blush apricot).

USER-FRIENDLY decorating magazine that always winds up being mostly about Provence, Côte Soid is the first great publishing success of the '90s: 70,103 in paid circulation in two years as against the 96,188 claimed by the 43-year-old establishment monthly Maison & Jardin.

"We put Provence within everyone's reach," says Laurence Botta-Delannoy, one of Côte Sud's founding editors. "But the region is unfortunately too often disfigured. People think they know just because they have money, but money does not necessarily buy charm. For every beautiful house we see, we scout 20 ugly ones. And we skirt the chic, social side of the Luberon, an area inhabited by the guardians who look after the properties rather than their owners because the owners are never there."

Botta-Delannoy quickly acknowledges that the ground for Côte Sud was richly fertilized by a coffee-table lifestyle book on Provence called "French Country" — 122,000 copies in print and referred to in her magazine as "the bible." Depressingly, since its authors have sold their string of Pierre Deux shops in the United States to the French groun Arts des Provinces de France. French group Arts des Provinces de France, merchandising in these 16 boutiques that rely on Souleiado fabrics for their bread and butter has become sloppier and shabbier. Another nail in the coffin.

One more. In 1994, 30 minutes will be shaved from the trip by bullet train from Paris to Avignon, getting you there in 3 hours and 10 minutes. In 1998 it will take 2 hours and 40 minutes. Barely enough time to meet the caricatures in the new Peter Mayle book.

Christopher Petkanas is the author of "At Home in France," a book about eating and entertaining in private French homes.

side the ring. "Gladiator" pe-gins with the arrival of new-kid-

in-school Tommy Riley (James Marshall). Tommy, who is ei-ther the strong silent type or

just plain silent, encounters the



Armand Assante and Maruschka Detmers in "The Mambo Kings."

It's Mambo Fever! What's the Mambo?

Songs of Love From the Borscht Circuit

By Mike Zwerin
International Herald Tribune

EW YORK - With the bestselling award-winning novel The Mambo Kings Play Songs based on it, there is talk about "mambo

The image begins with men in pinstripe zoot suits and robust women on the dance floor. There's something of the tango there, and the toreador. It might be called "Macho

Whether it's a mania, a fad or nostalgia, it ultimately revolves around the music. The mambo is freer, purer, more emotional and physical than any mainstream American music. The book describes it as "capturing moments of youthful cockiness . . . songs about flirtation, magic, blushing brides, cheating husbands, cuckolds and the cuckolded, flirtatious beauties, humiliation. Happy, sad, fast and slow."

My memory of the mambo goes back to the '50s when my first wife and I parked by the bay in Miami to pick up the static-studded fandango trumpets and kicking per-cussion of Machito and Perez Prado over Radio Havana. Even the static swung. They were precious secret moments.

Until this book and movie the mambo remained relatively secret. "What about salsa?" you ask. Salsa is to mambo what disco was to soul - something fishy.

HE heroes of this tale, the Castillo Brothers, the "Mambo Kings," remind me of John Garfield playing a Jew prizefighting to pay for violin lessons. The real thing surfacing with difficulty into the mainstream.

lew like the manbo early on. In the 'koa and '50s, except for the Palladium on Broadway and several ballrooms in Spanish Harlem, the place to hear the mambo was on the Borscht Circuit in the Catskill Mountains.

To be honest, few people knew the difference between the cha-cha-cha, the rumba and the mambo. But the identification with Latin music was solid. Xavier Cugat, remember, was Jewish, and Stan Getz once said he stopped playing bossa nova because he was afraid he'd grow bananas on his head like Carmen Miranda.

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The identification with jazz was also strong. "The Mambo Kings," the movie, reminded me of "Young Man with a Horn".

— a trumpet player as doomed athlete. And of the heavy between-set traffic up and down Broadway over the four streets separating Birdland and the Palladium Ballroom, Dizzy hired mambo percussionists. Bird recorded with Machito.

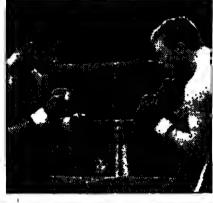
But vital and contemporary as mambo remains, it's still minority-ethnic music. Fun to dance to, it's still someone else's step. You feel intimidated. Better stick with Guns N' Roses and Harry Connick Jr.

We can amendo dance ca Mambo clothing lines. The movie may win some awards - best soundtrack, for example. The French may like it a lot if the Americans don't. The Castillo brothers appear on "I Love Lucy," the old TV series — the high point of their careers, it turns out. Brace yourself for reruns. It'll all make good copy for a while.

Call it mania if you like. Call it whatever you like . . . as long as the music stays around for a while.

■ It sure is tough to hang omo your self-esteem while trying to promote yourself to stardom. Vanessa Williams emember her?) told McCalls magazine that she's tired of always being called . a former Miss America. Maybe she has a point, it was after all a brief, though eventful, reign. (Actress, singer or pop star is what she wants to be called). Meanwhile, Paula Abdul told Elle that a suit by a singer alleging she didn't do all her own singing really hurt her feelings because it hit at her integrity. She also regretted that because she did dance music she wouldn't get the respect accorded to Tracy Chapman or Neil Young. People are so mean, aren't they? It's a crying shame,

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Cube Gooding Jr. and James Marshall square off in "Gladiator," top; Sissy Spacek dances with Brian Kerwin in "Hard Promises."

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The inner Circle

Directed by Andrei Koncha-lovsky, Italy-Russia, released by Columbia. Stalin loved the movies, espe-

cially Charlie Chaplin and westerns, and this movie is inspired by the life of his film projectionist. Tom Hulce plays ivan Sanshin, as the projection-ist is called in the film, a Candide in the inner circle. Swept way by the thrill of wrong the his wife (Lolita Davidovich) to the amorous whims of Beria (Bob Hoskins). Konchalovsky, whose father was head of the writers union, knows about power; for this, his homecoming film, he had the unique opportunity of shooting in the Kremlin with a Hollywood budget. What emerges is a flamboyant view of the Stalinist reign of terror, part melodrama, part high jinks, with actors speaking in guttural accents, a kind of czarist English. It's as if the director didn't know where to put his own accent - he settled on camp, which makes everything in this true story scem fake. The projectionist and his cohorts are such duds that you wonder how Stalin ever put up with them; even The Master, all tinted coiffure and mustache, looks like a benevolent old shaman. Konchalovsky's bizarre choice sets a postmodern Lubitsch-style comedy in his country's painful past. (Joan Dupont, IHT)

About Love, Tokyo

Written and directed by Mitsuo Yanagimachi. Japan.

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This is the latest film from one of Japan's finest directors ("Fire Festival" and "Farewell to the Land"). Again we are among the disaffiliated - only this time they are Chinese. A young student from Beijing comes to Tokyo to make a hy-ing and finds himself shunted to a job in an abattoir, finally to prostituting himself in a hostclub. When he finds a girlfriend (born in Japan of Chinese par-ents and hence just as disadvand) he loses her to a yakusa. This dramatic story is told in the coolest of styles. Cold blues, industrial grays, acid greens are the background against which distanced by long Mizoguchilike shots, the lovers meet. This hot-cold, sweet-sour combination makes the film compelling and disturbing. It is also brave, outspoken and compassionate - a rare combination. Yanagimachi is perhaps the most serious and responsible director in today's Japan. His inspiration, he has said, is Bresson, and be has here created a film of like resolve. (Donald Richie, IHT)

Hard Promises Directed by Martin Davidson.

This is a barren little comedy that means to be romande set in small-town America where the lady next door bakes cookics, everybody knows every-body else and small children are full of snappy comebacks. After a 12-year marriage, most of which he's been away. Joey (William Petersen), a goodlooking, egocentric drifter, re-turns home in high dudgeon to

stop his wife, Chris (Sissy Spa-cek), from marrying another man. Joey didn't know that Chris had divorced him metil be received an invitation to the wedding. For "Hard Promises" to be half as much fun as it intends to be, Joey should be a thoroughly likable scamp. For reasons that may be due to Jule Selbo's screenplay, Davidson's direction or something in Petersen's screen personality. Joey is not the dreamboat the movie Chris still finds him attractive reflects regatively on her. though Spacek gives the character a good deal of her own charm. The movie offers a lot of running gags that walk very slowly, and small roles to a number of very good actors, in-cluding Mare Winningham, Peter MacNicol, Lois Smith, Ann Wedgeworth and Amy Wright. In addition to being the film's co-star, Petersen is also one of its producers. (Vincent Canby, NYT)

Gladiator Directed by Rowdy Herrington. U.S.

Here is a totally familiar new film involving boxing, gangs, high school kids, first love, corrupt businessmen, racial harloyalty among friends. The mixture may be slightly unexpect-ed, but it still manages to be predictable all the way. Only the film's resolution has any spirit or novelty, and even that goes back to Roman times. Quicker than you can say "Spartacus," two fighters figure out that their real enemy is out-

usual troubles with local bullies. He has a teacher who encourages him to learn (Francesca P. Roberts). He also has a father with serious gambling debts (John Heard). And he has a talent for boxing, which is discovered by an unscrupulous promote. (Kobert Loggia) who turns him over to a wise old trainer (Ossie Davis) and to an even more unscrupulous pro-moter of illicit bouts (Brian Dennehy). Somewhere along the line, there is a nice girl (Cara Buono) who loves Tommy enough to try to keep him from becoming brain-dead. The film eventually pits Tommy, who is white, against Lincoln (Cuba Gooding Jr.), who is black, even though they have developed a friendship outside the ring. The story's ending which brings strife between these two, also reveals a newly slimmed-down Dennehy to be a wild man when he's fighting. "Gladiator" is oc-casionally on the gory side, but most of its really painful mo-ments are on the page. The screenplay is filled with dialogue that could have been writ-ten in anyone's steen (Nice girk "I can't figure you out." Tom-my: "Neither can I.") The direction by Herrington is only slightly better. The best things about the film are Tak Fujimoto's crisp cinematography and a couple of the supporting perfor-mances (Davis and Roberts are

both good). (Janet Maslin, NYT)

For Bargains, Europe Turns to U.S. By Judith Havemann Washington Post Service RUSSELS — When the London barrister Michael Mylonas-Wid-

basement: America. He bought a notebook computer, priced in Britain et \$4,700, for \$2,300; a combination fax and answering machine that costs \$1,000 in Britain for \$300; a miniphone that sells in Germany for \$425 for \$150; and several compact discs at half price. Even after pay-ing duty at the London airport, he said, "If I

dall recently decided to go shop-

ping, he went to his nearest bargain

had gotten a cheap air fare, I would have saved £1,000," about \$1,700. An undervalued dollar - combined with relatively low U.S. taxes, narrower profit margins and widespread discounting - has made the United States what the Paris economist J. Paul Horne calls "a shopping para-

Europeans today talk about going shop-ping in the United States the way Americans used to talk about shopping in Mexico. "After a while you wonder whatever happened to Hong Kong," said Rebecca Rolfes of the Conference Board of Europe.

The Brussels businessman Alex Legein flies regularly to the United States to shop; last

Sptember he crossed the Atlantic for a ward-robe upgrade. I had six shirts that were starting to go, and three suits were shiny at the elbows," he said. "When I first started going to the United States," he added, "my boss took me into an outlet mall and I picked up a package of Hanes T-shirts. I just stood there

holding the package and shaking my head. My boss said, 'If it's too expensive, Alex, we can go somewhere cheaper!' But I was shaking my head because the price was so low." Gulbun Quinlin, a Turkish mother of two young boys who lives near Brussels, takes eight suitcases when she goes to the United States with her family. Five are empty.

"I am an international shopper," she said. "I buy children's clothing toys, clothes, games, electronics, computer equipment and everything I am going to need for birthday presents, Halloween and Christmas. If I have any room left, sometimes I buy groceries."

Jonathan Dow, a London resident, said he had most of his goods stolen from his car while swimming in southern France last summer. After checking into a hotel in his swimming trunks, he took the ferry back to London, flew to New York and replaced

"There's a recession in New York," he said, "and the prices are fantastic. I was buying a pair of Timberland boots, same kind I get in Landon for 90 pounds, for about 40 pounds. The salesman said, You know, sir, these are 30 percent off, so I got

know, sir, these are 30 percent off, so 1 gor them for 30 pounds."

The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development routinely measures national price differences. In December 1991, a "basket" of basic items and services valued at \$100 in the United States cost the state of \$100 in Religious \$114 in Religious 1114 in Religiou equivalent of \$109 in Britain, \$114 in Bel-grum, \$115 in France, \$125 in Germany, \$ \$156 in Switzerland and \$159 in Sweden Some items, such as electronics and clothing, are far cheaper in the United States than the averages suggest.

OST European nations have value-added taxes of 13 percent to 33 percent. State sales taxes in the United States range up to 8.5 percent.

The discount store is still a ranty in Europe. A large proportion of European sales still occur in mom-and-pop stores that self a narrow range of products.

Furthermore, according to Nicholas Bubb, a retail analyst with Morgan Stanley in Lone don: "There is a strong perception that people in the U.K. are overcharged." It is comment? he said, for British retailers to make more than twice as much profit per sale as similar busi-nesses in the United States.

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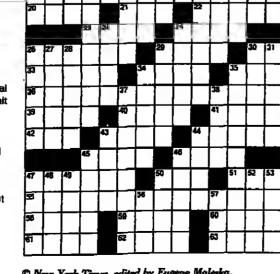
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A Year for Rossini Amid the Festivals

Changes at Salzburg, Edinburgh

By John Rockwell New York Times Service

ARIS — If Mozart was the big noise at last year's music festivals, Rossini will be the rather softer sound at this year's. Everyone likes Rossini, whose birthday was 200 years ago — Feb. 29, 1792 — and although he was no Mozart, a large number of this year's festivals will be presenting Rossiniana of one sort or another. Neturally, the annual Rossini festival in Pesaro, Italy, can claim pre-eminence. So successful has it become that Pesaro veterans (the festival is only 13 years old) are already lamenting its loss of innocence and intimacy.

Rossini aside, the single festival with the biggest claim on this year's seeker after festive delights is Salzburg, and the single country is Austria. That country has the Vienna Festival, as full of rich good things as ever, and the Styriarte Festival in the director Nikolaus Harnoncourt's native Graz. At Salzburg, this summer marks the first festi-val programmed by Gerard Mortier, who over the last decade made the Theatre de la Monnaie in Brussels into a forum for vanguard composition, dance and opera, and promises (threatens?) to do the same thing at this bastion of comfortable conservatism as it has been for years under the suzerainty of the late Herbert von Karajan.

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Mortier has his friends and, if not enemies, then his nonfriends. James Levine of the Metropolitan Opera is out at Salzburg, for instance, and Claudio Abbado, Christoph von Dohnanyi, Pierre Boulez, Esa-Pekka Salonen and Peter Sellars are in. The notable new opera productions are all of 20th-century scores: Richard Strauss's "Frau Ohne Schatten" and "Salome," Leos Janacek's "From the House of the Dead" and, above all, Olivier Messiaen's "Saint François d'Assise."

Spain is more active than usual this year as a festival site, what with the Olympic Arts Festival in Barcelona, Madrid as this year's Cultural Capital of Europe, and above all the Expo '92 cultural offerings in Seville, slew of Seville-based operas, among them "Marriage of Figaro" and "Carmen."

Otherwise, the connoisseur and the curi-ous (the terms don't preclude each other) can wander Europe and find music festivals of every description. In Britain, the festival arousing the greatest curiosity this year is Edinburgh's. In recent years the festival has been rather dead in the water artistically. It's been taken over by the venturesome Brian McMaster, who built the Welsh National Opera into a top-notch company. Many of his plans for this, his first, Edinburgh Festival are yet to be announced, but they are likely to be lively.

The Glyndebourne Opera Festival is ear-lier and shorter than usual because of plans to build a new theater on the old site; signs of construction will be evident this summer, and there will be no festival in 1993. Still, Glyndebourne is always lovely, with its picnics and contemplative cows, and the program this summer includes new productions of both Britten's "Peter Grimes" and Tchaikovsky's "Queen of Spades."

More venturesome than usual British fare is on at Aldeburgh — with concerts conduct-ed by the composers Oliver Knussen and Peter Maxwell Davies — and in Gloncester at the venerable Three Choirs Festival, which aside from the three choirs (Hereford, Worcester and Gloucester) presents visiting choirs and a wide choral repertory. One should not forget the exotice of Ireland's fall Wexford Festival — this year operas by Stephen Storace, Mascagni and Heinrich Marschner, whose stirring "Der Vampyr" is a cousin of Weber's "Freischütz."

N France, the Aix-en-Provence Festival always provides a bracing blend of musical refinement and Provençal charm, and Paris's Festival d'Automne has a challenging series of vanguard events. Northern European highlights in-clude the countrywide Holland Festival, which mixes solid quality with explorations beyond the mainstream; the Bergen Festival in Norway; the Helsinki and scenic Savon-linna festivals in Finland, and the charming summer opera performances on original instruments in the intimate 18th-century theater in the royal palace of Drottningholm, near Stockholm. Drottningholm offers in-



A concert in Eggenberg Castle at the Styriarte Graz Festival in Austria, above, and a staging of Rossini's "Tancredi" in Pesaro, Italy, above left.

chide new productions of Salieri's "Falstaff" and Gluck's "Orfeo ed Euridice." In Germany, aside from the always inter-esting citywide festivals of Munich and Berlin, there is the up-and-coming Schleswig-Holstein Festival, full of prominent artists (Georg Solti, Simon Rattle, Jessye Norman and many more) doing unusual repertory and talented younger artists, and the Wagner festival in Bayreuth, which is postponing novelties until next summer's new Tristan und Isolde" but is always worth a pilgrim-

age, if you can get tickets, Switzerland has worthy festivals in Zu-rich, Lucerne and Lausanne, Italy, aside from Pesaro and the outdoor performances in Verona and in the Baths of Caracalla in Rome, has particularly rich offerings this year at the Maggio Musicale in Florence (Philip Glass's "Fall of the House of Usher," Zubin Mehta conducting Verdi's "Forza del Destino") and the Ravenna Festival, which

Riccardo Muti is supporting and where he will conduct the Philadelphia Orchestra.

In Eastern Europe, political and economic instability has crippled some famous festivals (like the one at Dubrovnik in Croatia) and curtailed others. Still, there are old standbys like the Prague Spring, the Buda-pest and the Warsaw Autumn festivals.

That said, one must recognize that for many festivals, from old favorites like Bayreuth to new favorites like Pesaro, tickets can be extremely scarce. But rest assured: festivals are hig business, both for local economies and for performing artists, and so both festivals and the artists who perform in them are cropping up everywhere.

In any case, given the proliferation of festivals and the unstoppable predilection of chambers of commerce to put on concerts in any available scenic or historic site, chances are good that something worthy can be heard almost anywhere you happen to be.

Who Are These People Sitting in My Bistro?

By Patricia Wells national Herald Tribune

LORENCE - One diner's tourist trap is another's trip to gastronomic heaven. It's all a question of perception.

Whether we consider ourselves travelers or tourists, we instinctively want to be the first (even better, the only) foreigner to set foot inside that cozy family restaurant outside Barcelona, to sample e Belon oyster in that fisherman's shack along the river bank, to coax the recipe out of that grandmotherly soul behind the stove in that Italian country trattoria. We wince if we hear any language other than the local one, cringe with embarrassment should one of our own countrymen dishonor us with bad behavior, and turn red with anger should we be seated next to someone who could well have been a member of our college sorority.

Over the years, I've been fascinated to see people's reactions — mine included — to being caught in good company with common tourists. Today, guidebooks, word of mouth, and an excess of information make it virtually impossible for a restaurant to remain immune to foreign invasion. What's more carious is the universal assumption that, once a restaurant in any city is tainted by foreigners, it's on a sure road to decline. Most often, nothing could be further from the truth. Restaurants thrive on the electricity, challenges, interchange brought on by an ever-changing international clientele.

About 10 years ago, while we were dining at a Paris bistro called Chez Toutoune, a middle-aged French couple was ushered to an adjacent table. Hearing our English, they looked at us in horror, and asked with a certain disdain: "We only heard about this restaurant yesterday. How could you know about it? You're a foreigner!" They were in a tourist trap and their evening was ruined.

FOUND myself trapped in another way the other evening, having reserved a table at Il Latini, an unusually large and popular Tuscan trattoria near the Via Tornabuoni. Visually, it fits everyone's idea of an ideal trattoria — hams hanging from the ceiling, lively communal tables where everyone sits elbow to elbow and chats with strangers, flasks filled with thin Chianti flowing faster than water.

We arrived around 8:30, to find about 30 Italians pushing against the front door, crushing into a similar number of hungry would-be diners waiting for tables inside. The padrone was jovial, pouring free glasses of white wine to the congregation, obviously ignoring everyone's insistence that a table had indeed been "reserved." The crowd was 99 percent Italian, mostly young, and though they shoved and pushed with abnormal po-liteness, everyone seemed to be having a good time. It was part of the entertainment. Yet I felt as though I was trapped inside a tourist haunt, and when after 20 minutes no progress had been made in altering the line-up of diners, I shouldered my way to the street, mumbling something about never trying this place again.

The joke was on me. For the next day, in passing Il Latini in full daylight, I realized I had lunched there a few years ago. I had had a perfectly good time, chatting with the waiters, downing glasses of Chianti, slices of their famed wild boar sausage, and bowls of bread and tomato soup with friends. It was all a question of perception.

A few months ago in Rome - just a week or so before Christmas — we enjoyed e Saturday lunch at Checchino dal 1887, a traditional trattoria near the city's aban-

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doned stockyards. The narrow dining room was packed mostly with a group of Italians having a boisterous, well-oiled time. Between courses of braised artichokes and long-simmered oxtail, diners wandered from table to table to joke and to chat, and there were enough 35mm still cameras, video cameras, and cellular telephones to make the place look like a certified annex of New York's 47th Street Photo.

Throughout the meal, we played a guessing game, trying to pinpoint who these Romans were. There was no obvious leader, so we decided it wasn't an office party. The ages and social classes seemed to be so mixed we decided it had to be a local church group out for a holiday meal. Only when one of us got up to use the restroom did we get our answer: A tour bus from Arezzo waited outside. We laughed when we realized we were in the midst of a group of stalian tourists out to see the big city. Had they been German, English, or American, we would have felt, well, trapped.

The same scenario replayed itself here last week, kinching at Le Quattro Stagioni, a small restaurant near the Pitti Palace. We walked in to find a long table of spirited Italians, a group that became louder as the penne with porcini passed from table to table, and wine bottles grew lighter. The group seemed exceptionally lively for a sleepy Monday afternoon, so we questioned

"I haven't a cine as to who they are," he replied candidly. "I can't understand a word they're saying. They're from Naples."

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Book Early

Do try and book early. Many festivals have limited seating and are in places with limited lodging facilities.

Don't panic if you can't get the tickets you want. Sold out in February often

changes by June as travel agents return

On the Off Days



Left to right: van Gogh's "Chair," London; Zuloaga's "Self-Portrait," Madrid; an Indian blouse in Washington.

AUSTRIA Salzburg

Alte Goethe Festspielheus (tel: 84.59.93). To April 26: Exhibition devoted to the Austrian Stefan Zwelg, one of the world's most widely read

BELGIUM

Saile Seint Georgea (tel: 736.32.76). To May 10: "Claude Monet." Forty works by the impressionist painter gathered from international private and public sources.

BRITAIN

The Birmingham Royal Ballet (tel: 278.8916). "Giselle," performed by the former Sadler'e Wells company. Choreography by Marius Petipa. March 19-23.

Barbican Centre (tel: 638.4141).
To May 4: "Van Goght in England:
Portreit of an Artist as a Young Man."
Centers on 1873 to 1676, when the
artlat wes in England. London

CANADA

Canadian Center for Architecture (tel: 939.7000). To May 24: 'The Architect's Sketchbook.' Exploration of ways in which architects use books as tools in the process of ar-chitectural creation.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Prague
Palác Kinských (tel: 23.15.135). To
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April 20: "Works and Personalities."
Nineteenth and 20th-century prints

Bordeaux

Musée Matisse (tel: 27.84.13.15). To April 26: "From Matisse to To-day." Exhibition of modern sculpday." Exhibition of modern sweety tures brought together from muse-ums of northern France.

New England.

Dublin

The Douglas Hyde Gallery (tal: 702.1116). To March 21: "Nigel Rolfe, Resonator." This gallery installation evokes questions pertaining to

ISRAEL

The Israel Museum (tel: 708.811).

Musée de Beaux-Arts de Nantes (tel: 40.41.65.65). To April 26: Pho-

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the unsold seats.

Do think about what else you might want to do. Obviously, larger cities offer a lot of activities. In Bayreuth, it's Wagner or nothing.



tographs and videos by the concep-tual artist Jean-Pierre Bertrand.

Cologne
Museum for Angewandte Kunst
(tel: 221.67.14). To April 19: "Hidepack Fisch — Gold Jewelry from the
'60s." Exhibition of one of the certifiry's most prominent goldsmith's

Museum for Volkerkunde (tel: 212.353.91). To April 19: "Signs of the Times: Contemporary African Art." Paintings and sculptures from

eastern Africa. IRELAND

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FNAC, 6th arrondissement (tel:
45,48,81,92). To April 18: "Les
Francos, nos cousins d'Amerique per
Lional Delevinge." A photographic
study of the descendents of French men and women who immigrated to

Haege Gemeentemuseum (tal: 38.11.11). To March 29: A major retrospective of the sculptor Royden Rabinowitch (1962-1992).

To May 15: "Joseph and Zulaikha — A love Story." Biblical tales in Islamic painting; Islamic miniatures and paintings from various private collec-

Ungotto (tel: 696.71.31). To March 31: "Arte Americana 1930-1970." Forty years of American painting, in-cluding works by Edward Hopper, Jackson Pollock, Cy Twombly and Boy Lichtenstein Roy Lichtenstein.

Kitta Museum (tel: 528.49). To April 12: Nihon-ge folding screen paint-ings by the contemporary artist Ki-shino Fusayo. NETHERLANDS The Hague

POLAND

Warsaw
National Museum in Warsaw (tel:
21.10.31). To May 31: "20th Century
Polish Art." About 200 paintings,
prints, sculptures and installations
comprise this exhibition tracing
avant-garde trends in Polish art since the beginning of the 20th century.

PUERTO RICO

San Juan Institute de Cultura Puertorriquena (tel: 724.0700). To April 30: Retro-spective of paintings from 1938-1975 by Wifredo Lam, a figurative painter of Chinese-Cuban descent.

SPAIN

Biblio1aca Necional (1el: 435.4003). To April 10: Major International overview of Spanish painter Ignacio Zuloaga (1870-1945).

SWITZERLAND

Museum for Gegenwartskunst (tel: 271.08.28). To April 20: "Georg Baselitz." Show of wood "paint-engravings."

UNITED STATES

High Museum of Art (tel: 892,3600). To March 29: "Corot to Monet: The Rise of Landscape Painting in France." Eighty-six works by such as Camille Pissarro and Au-

Los Angeles

New York

and Pakistan

The Museum of Contemporary Art (tel: 621.27.68). To May 17: "The Marcia Simon Weisman Collection" shows 60 works by Rauschenberg, Max Ernst and Willern de Kooning, as well as California artists, like Sam Francis, Richard Diebenkom and David Horkney." vid Hockney.

Brooklyn Museum (tel: 838.5000). To May 3: Installation on the migra-tion of Caribosan and African Ameri-

cans to Brooklyn by the Hariem-based artists Houston Conwill, Joseph de Pace and Estella Conwill Washington Textile Museum (tel: 667.0441). To

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'Miracle' Product Spurs Software Firm's Rebound

By Lawrence M. Fisher New York Times Service

AN FRANCISCO — Software Toolworks Inc. used to be a struggling maker of games and educational programs, mired in losses, abandoned by securities analysts. Then came the Miracle. The Miracle Piano Teaching System is an electronic keyboard with teach-yourself-to-play software that runs on the Nintendo game systems and IBM-compatible, Apple Macintosh, or Amiga personal computers.

Pushed by \$1 million a week in advertising, the Miracle sold about 40,000 units during the December quarter, at prices from \$379 to \$479, and has sold slowly but steadily since then.

The two analysts who follow Software Toolworks say that while the Miracle accounts for only 25 percent of revenue, it

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attention again, they say.

The company, based in Novato, California, has been modestly profitable in the first

nine months of its financial year, which ends March 31. But the analysts caution that Software Toolworks has not completed its turnaround, and that the stock remains a speculative purchase. The stock, which traded as low as \$2 last year, peaked at \$8.50 this year before settling back. It was quoted Thursday at \$6.125, up 6.25 cents, in over-the-counter trading.

"We are very encouraged by the progress management has made," said Robert F. Kleiber, an analyst with Piper Jaffray & Hopwood in Minneapolis. He rates the stock a speculative buy. "The Miracle indicates a high level of creativity; it's a very nice product that does exactly what they say it does," he said. Chains like Radio Shack and Target carried the Miracle only at

limited locations last year, but the success at Christmas helped persuade them to carry it throughout their stores in 1992.

N ADDITION to the Miracle, which numerous reviewers have said really can teach the user to play, Software Toolhave said really can teach the user to play, Software Toolworks has a successful learn-to-type program, "Mavis Beacon Teaches Typing!" That has sold more than 1.5 million copies since 1986, Mr. Kleiber said. The company recently introduced versions of the typing program, as well as a chess tutorial program, Chessmaster 3000, for the Windows operating system, as well as atlas and reference programs that work with Windows. Mr. Kleiber gives much credit for Software Toolworks's improvement to Robert Lloyd, a former All-American baskethall

player who joined the company as chief executive in October 1990.

Lee S. Isgur, an analyst with Volpe, Welty & Co. in San Francisco, is also recommending purchase of Software Toolworks but acknowledges that the company's turnaround is progressing more slowly than he anticipated.

"The bad news is that the improvement is not occurring at a faster pace, but given the current economic situation, it may be unrealistic to ask for more," he said. "The good news is that the

One problem with the Miracle, Mr. Isgur said, is that it accounts for a disproportionate share of the company's \$28.2 million in inventory, more than half. This is because Software Toolworks committed to buying components in volume in order to hold prices committed to buying components in volume in order to hold prices down, he said. "They have to sell enough Miracles to free up capital," he said, predicting that this is unlikely before Christmas.

Mr. Isgur also likes other product lines. He calls Software Toolworks "probably the largest and most diversified manufacturer of CD-ROM product," referring to atlases and other reference software that run on compact-disk drives for personal computers. In the educational market, he is enthusiastic about the comparative recent because to develop a consensulate account to compare ny's recent license to develop a geography program featuring Mario, the hero of Nintendo's most popular games.

them a modest profit for the year," Mr. Isgur said, adding: "Next year, they will have a much bigger profit, maybe 50 or 60 cents a share. If they do 60 cents, the stock is a screaming buy; if they only do 35 cents, maybe it's a little ahead of itself."

Goldman's Quest: Capital for Capitalism GATT Fears

By Steve Lohr

New York Times Service

NEW YORK — William Crowley, a corporate finance specialist at Goldman, Sachs & Co. in London, is scowing the globe on behalf of a

in London, is scouring the globe on behalf of a chent with vast resources, new management and an incertain future: the Russian government.

Since Moscow hired Goldman, Sachs on Feb. 17, Mr. Crowley has coordinated efforts of dozens of Goldman executives to contact bluechip corporations and to expedite Western in-

westments in Russia.

With phone calls and faxes pouring in from places like Chicago, Frankfurt and Sydney, "It's been a real roller coaster," he said from his

lo investment-banking circles, the Russian assignment is considered a plum, though the payoff for Goldman may not come soon — or at all. Dozens of firms vied for the job, and Goldman was selected among a final five American and European companies.

In the competition, Goldman was helped by its brand-name client list, worldwide operations and its reputation for having good contacts in Washington, where the Russian government is seeking increased financing.

The Goldman bid certainly was not hurt by the fact that President Boris N. Yeltsin of Russian has a terral term for a ferometric actives who have

has a young team of economic advisers who have read the works of Lawrence Brainard, one of the firm's economists. Mr. Brainard is finent in Rus-

sian and Czech and has written on the economies of Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union.

Goldman executives said they had oot determined how they would be paid, but compensa-tion would probably be commissions on the Western investments they bring in.

As Moscow's investment adviser, Goldman faces a formidable challenge. There are approximately 1,100 registered joint ventures in Rus-

Russia wants some fast Western investments to build confidence plus a framework that will lure money in the long term.

sia, but fewer than one-third are up and running. Still, further Western investment and expertise are oeeded to sustain Russia's crash program to rebuild its economy and to hasten the difficult transition to capitalism.

"But there is a lot of hesitation on the part of Western companies to invest now in Russia and the other post-Soviet republics because the outlook is so unclear economically, legally and politically," said Tomasz Telma, an economist for Planecon Inc., a consulting firm in Washington that follows Eastern Europe and the former Soviet republics.

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The skittishness is understandable. In January, when Mr. Yeltsin's reforms began, prices were freed and subsidies to industry were slashed. Inflation soared to 300 percent a year, though it seems to be settling down.

Industrial production is expected to drop 20 percent or more this year, bringing a wave of bankruptcies. The Russian laws on foregraphic transcriptions are not wet in place and the govern-

vestment are not yet in place, and the government's plans to make the ruble convertible by

July may be wishful thinking.
Yegor T. Gaidar, first deputy prime minister
and architect of the government's economic
shock therapy, jokes that he will be lucky to last

But Robert E. Rubin, a senior partner at Goldman, Sachs, remains enthusiastic as well as cautious. There are obvious risks, but there is also enormous opportunity," he said. "Our job is to make people aware of the opportunities and make sure they make fully informed judgments."

Goldman stresses that its search for investors has just begun. But its mandate, laid down by Mr. Gaidar and Leonid Grigoriev, head of the new Committee on Foreign investment, is two-fold: to get a few Western investments quickly as confidence-building symbols, and to set up an institutional framework for the longer term

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Chip Orders Set Record In February

SAN FRANCISCO - Orders

for semiconductors in the United States set a record in February, the Semiconductor Industry Association reported.

The data suggested that despite a weak economy, computer com-panies and other makers of electronic gear seemed to be ordering components, perhaps in anticipa-

tion of greater sales.

The industry group said the February figure for bookings, or orders, was \$1.52 billion, up 4.9 percent from January. The figure for billings, or shipments, was \$1.36 billion, up 2.6 percent. The trade group also said Wednesday that its book-to-bill

ratio, an index of the industry's health, rose to 1.12 for the three months ended in February, compared with 1.09 for the three months ended in January.

■ Intel Targets VLSI Stake Intel Corp. said Thursday it would acquire a minority equity position in VLSI Technology Inc. if the two reached agreement to share technology, Reuters reported from Santa Clara, California. Intel said the two companies had signed a letter of intent agreeing to pursue talks.

To Safeguard Chip Technology, Silicon Graphics Will Buy MIPS

MOUNTAIN VIEW, California - Silicon Graphies Inc. said Thursday it would acquire MIPS Computer Systems Inc. for about \$327 mil-lion in stock, a deal that drew negative stock-market reaction for the buyer but that seemed to

guarantee it access to an endangered technology.

MIPS provides a range of chips and systems based on powerful reduced-instruction-set computing, or RISC, technology. But MIPS is best known for its R4000 chip and Silicon Graphics is a leading enstomer for that chip.

The R4000 chip, a 64-bit processor, was once considered the leader in the race to build powerful

Philips Electronics is to develop chins with Motorola Inc. for CD-interactive technology. Page 13

processors. But the chip failed to take hold because of competing models built by International Business

Machines Corp. and Digital Equipment Corp. Silicon Graphics, however, has based a new line of workstations on the R4000, the IRIS Crimson, that has been well-received. By acquiring MIPS, analysts and company executives said Silicon Graphics ensured survival of a technology that could also lead to further advances.

Investors took a shorter-term view. Silicon Graphics stock tumbled \$4.625, to \$22 a share, on the New York Stock Exchange, where it was the most active issue in late trading. MIPS, traded over

the counter, rose \$2.50, to \$13.50. Under a pact between the companies, MIPS shareholders will receive 0.61 of a Silicon Graphics share for each share they hold. The merged company will be known as MIPS Technologies Inc. With at the Wednesday closing price of Silicon Graphics.

Traders said they were concerned about ac-counting issues in the deal. "The accounting is the

only tricky part," one arbitrager said.
Silicon Graphics said it would issue 3.9 million to 5.4 million shares or equivalent convertible securities in order to account for the merger as a pooling of interests, providing a tax-free transaction.

Richard Chu, an analyst with Cowen & Co., said, "People are very skeptical about Silicon Gra-phics's belief that the acquisition of MIPS Com-puters is going to be anti-dilutive for fiscal 1993." Robert Herwick, an analyst at Hambrect & Quist,

said he felt the merger would dilute earnings but the deal would give Silicon Graphics much more control over its future technological direction.

Mr. Herwick said he thought that despite the short-term impact on earnings, Silicon Graphics

executives were rightly concerned about the survival of MIPS as an independent company. "This merger is not driven by finance but the need for technology," Mr. Herwick said. "Clearly, MIPS was having a problem — they were struggling."

MIPS had a \$34.7 million loss last year, compared with net income of \$7.1 million, or 28 cents, in 1990.

Silicon Graphics is the leading maker of computer work stations that create and display three-dimensional images. Long used by engineers and archi-tects, its machines have found a growing market in movie and sound production, including creating the liquid-metal creature in the film Terminator 2.

Customers and analysts have liked MIPS's microprocessor technology, which it licensed to six semiconductor manufacturers to produce, but were never comfortable with the company's business structure. While the technology licensing was 24.373 million MIPS shares outstanding, the deal is worth \$327.1 million, down from about \$400 million business that produced computers using that tech-(NYT, Reuters, Bloomberg, UPI)

U.S. Damaging World Trade

GENEVA - GATT officials, in an unusually pointed criticism of a member nation's trade policies, expressed concern Thursday that the United States might be damaging the world's open trading system.

The secretariat of the 108-nation

General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade specifically expressed disap-proval of Washington's increasing reliance on regional free-trade agreements. The secretaria said agreements. The secretarian control this trend could divert trade from other nations outside such pacts. "Concern about the erosion of

basic GATT principles by regional-ism, bilateralism, unilateralism or various forms of 'managed' trade is increasing," a secretariat report said.
"The United States has a major responsibility for maintaining and

reinforcing the faith of the interna-tional business community in the open, liberal multilateral trading system," it said.

The criticism came in a report issued Thursday at the end of a

two-day review of U.S. trade policies. GATT regularly reviews its members' policies to see whether they accord with GATT goals of open trade.
This week's review coincided

with renewed efforts by Washington and the European Community to end a dispote on farm subsidies that has prevented successful con-clusion of GATT's Urugoay Round on freeing global trade. Many participants, including Canada and the 12-nation EC,

joined the criticism of unilateral U.S. trade action and attempts to manage trade through "voluntary" agreements to restrict exports or

promote imports.

But the U.S. representative, Rufus H. Yerka, defended such policies, reiterating the government's commitment to freer trade. Mr. Yerxa said that rather than

discouraging free-trade pacts, the long-run solution for reducing the unequal treatment implicit in these deals was to lower the tariffs charged on imports from other GATT members — as the Uniguay

Round is seeking to do.

He said many U.S. measures to pry open markets such as the Japanese and South Korean beef markets or the Japanese semiconductor markets would provide increased access to all GATT roembers. The GATT report also criticized

the United States as "one of the most frequent users of anti-dumping Gerry Shannon, the Canadian representative, told other GATT members that the anti-dumping

and duty laws had become the "instruments of choice for U.S. indus-

tries seeking protection."
The report of the GATT secretariat, which until now has generally tolerated or even supported freetrade agreements or customs unions like the EC, issued what appeared to be its strongest criti-

sm so far of such arrangements. Washington has a free-trade agreement with Canada, which the two nations are seeking to expand to cover Mexico. The U.S. wants ie pact to eventually cover all the

Such accords, under which countries eliminate tariffs on most mu-tual trade while maintaining tariffs oo imports from other GATT under the GATT.

Since the last report on U.S. poli-cy in late 1989, GATT said, "the single most visible, and perhaps most important development is in the administration's attitude toward preferential regional trade arrangements. The impact of these new groupings on world trade may be far-reaching." (Reuters, AP)

Delors Gives Secret Reply to U.S. on GATT

BRUSSELS — A flurry of diplomatic activity to unblock stalled global trade talks advanced in secrecy on Thurs-day, with EC Commission President Jacques Delors re-

plying to a message this week from President George Bush. The EC commission said it had pledged oot to disclose the contents of Mr. Delors's letter to Mr. Bush, which was the latest bid get the GATT negotiations going again.

In Geneva, the main site of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade talks, Rufus Yenxa, head of the U.S. mis-sion to GATT, said new U.S. proposals on farm subsidies had improved the chances of success in the trade talks.

But Mr. Yerxa said that Washington's offer, taken to Brussels by the U.S. secretary of State, James A. Baker 3d, on Tuesday, specifically excluded two questions the EC considers

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FCC Votes to Expand Radio Network Size

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Federal Communications Commission voted Thursday to increase the number of U.S. radio stations

allowed a single owner, in an attempt to aid the industry.

More than half of the approximately 10,800 commercial radio stations in the country are losing money, according to industry data.

The commission expanded the limit to 30 AM and 30 FM stations nationwide. Previously, the limit was 12 of each band.

The FCC also ruled that in a single community where owners have been limited to one AM and one FM station, expansion will depend on the number of stations in the area. In markets of 15 stations or fewer, converse one account for

owners can acquire three stations as long as they do not account for half the listening audience, in larger markets, the limits run up to three of each band with a limit of 25 percent of the listeners. Once stations are acquired, owners are allowed to surpass the

andience size limits if their stations draw more listeners. Critics of the plan said that since advertisers followed listeningaudience size, small stations that appealed to specialized tastes or ethnic viewpoints could be driven from the market.

Andrew C. Barrett, a commission member, abstained from the 4-0 vote, saying he believed the radio industry's financial problems were due to temporary market conditions that were correcting themselves. In the long term, the changes would alter radio ownership dramatically in favor of big investors, he said. "The losers will be small groups, women, single-owner stations and new entries," he said.

Alfred C. Sikes, the FCC chairman, said the change was needed because ownership restrictions had caused radio's share of the mass-

media market to drop steadily.

At a Senate bearing Wednesday, Mr. Sikes said the financially troubled radio stations probably would die unless stronger operations were allowed to buy them. The main cause of radio's problems was the expansion in the

number of stations allowed by deregulation in the 1980s, Thomas Buono, an industry analyst, told the Senate Commerce communications subcommittee. Besides debt incurred to create stations, there was borrowing to

finance the purchase of half of all stations since 1985. The economic boom and availability of financing in the mid-1980s was followed by a recession that shrunk advertising. More than 100 stations have gone out of business, other radio owners are in bankrupt-

cy and hundreds are restructuring their debts, said Mr. Buono.

Andrew Schwartzman of Media Access Project, a public-interest telecommunications law firm, said the FCC was responsible in part for the problem by allowing mergers without gathering evidence on the benefits and costs of the deals.

Avis de paiement d'un deuxième dividende de liquidation Le liquidateur de la société "PRI/TECH", la Compagnie Financière Edmond de Rothschild Banque à Paria, a décidé la mise en paiement

Edmond de Rothschild Banque à Paria, a décidé la mise en paiement d'un dennième dividende de liquidation.

A partir du 18 Mars 1992, un dividende de U.S. \$167 per action aera verse contre remise du certificat au porteur "PRI/TECH". Tout dividende qui n'aura pas été réclamé avant la cléaure des opérations de liquidation sera verse à la Caisse des Consignations à Luxembourg. Les paiements de ce deuxième dividende de liquidation se feront auprès de la "Banque Privée Edmond de Rothschild S.A.". 20, Boulevard Emmanuel Servaia, L-2535 Luxembourg, et auprès de la "Compagnie Financière Edmond de Rothschild Banque" à Faris, 47, rue du Entheux Seint-Honoré. Faubourg Saint-Honoré. Pour la société

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Reebok Pumps Up to Regain No. 1 Spot

By Kim Foltz New York Times Service

NEW YORK - Most days, weather permitting, several Reebok executives spend their hunchtime playing pickup basketball on the asphalt court at the edge of the company's parking lot near Boston.
The game is friendly, but serious,

as the men and women players join in for the exercise and to promote corporate camaraderie. But most of all, it is a practical

training ground in the competitive spirit driving the company these days: Reebok wants to be a winner

again. Ever since Nike took away its title in 1989 as the No. 1 seller of athletic shoes in the United States, Reebok has been waging a fierce marketing battle to win back the prestige and sales appropriated by

It is continuing the light this year with an ad campaign called "Life Is Short. Play Hard," and it is gambling that a steady stream of new shoe designs and gimmicks will catapult it back into first place.
"We hadn't been hitting on all

cylinders during the last few years," said Angel Martinez, Ree-bok's corporate vice president for new business development. "But we are starting to now." In the last two years, Reebok loternational Ltd., based in

Stoughton, Massachusetts, has in-creased its share of the U.S. market to 24 percent from 22 percent. Nike Inc.'s share, meanwhile, has held steady at 30 percent of the \$5.82 billion athletic shoe market.

"Reebok is getting closer and closer to Nike by beating up the other players in the marketplace,"

per "A" share on March 20, 1992.

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said John Horan, editor and publisher of Sporting Goods Intelligence Management News, an industry publication. "Reebok has a huge"

But company executives know \$140 million it allocated in 1991: Some analysts said that level of job alone. Since its introduction, spending might help Reebok slow the Pump has accounted for about the Nike juggernant a little. This

try publication. "Reebok has a huge the Pump has accounted for about advantage because it can afford expensive promotional campaigns." sales. So far, about 6 million pairs \$150 million. The current Reebok campaign is of Pump shoes have be tied to the Summer Olympics. Like total of \$750 million. of Pump shoes have been sold for a total of \$750 million.

The Pump's popularity has to 18-year-old group who continually change their taste in shoes; much of Reebok's past offbeat ad-

'We hadn't been hitting on all cylinders during the last few years, but we are starting

Angel Martinex, Reebok vice president.

Olympic team, the decathletes Dave Johnson and Don O'Brien, both of whom boast they are the

best athletes in the world.

As with some of Reebok's past campaigns, this one has been criticized as not being focused enough on the shoes.

Although Nike is a sponsor of the Summer Olympics, Reebok will dent of U.S. operations. "But it's be the exclusive athletic shoe and active-wear advertiser during evolve." Olympic broadcasts. In addition, the company has designed the uniform that American winners will wear when they step up to accept their medals.

Nike's Air series of shoes with prefilled air cushions helped the company move into first place. In turn, Reebok began to revitalize its sagging image with the Pump inflatable shoe, which allows for a custom fit by pumping air into in-flatable chambers in the shoe.

vertising, the new commercials fea- helped to give the company's botture a humorous competition be-tween two members of the U.S. Reebok's worldwide sales increased 26.6 percent, to \$2.7 billion. Profit jumped to \$234.7 million in 1991, up 34 percent from \$176.6 million the previous year.

As the market for the Pump matures, sales are expected to drop as much as 30 percent this year. The Pump got the energy flowing again at Reebok," said Bob Meers, presi-

To help offset that decline, Recbok Chairman Paul Fireman said

the company would spend about \$220 milion on advertising this

ketball on the rough surfaces of ontdoor courts. In January, at a trade show for sporting goods manufacturers and retailers in Atlanta, Recbok introduced an advanced version of the Pump that makes it easier to inflate

the interior of the shoe. The Insta-Pump, which is inflated using a small canister of carbon dioxide instead of manually, is intended to give greater support for runners and tennis players.

With the Insta-Pump, some analysts say Reebok may have taken the lead in technology. The Insta-Pump is on the cutting edge in athletic shoe technology." Mr. Horan of Sporting Goods Intelliyear, substantially more than the gence said.



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EUROPEAN FUTURES

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK -Stock and bond investors found bad news Thursday in mixed economic signals offered by the government, sending yields on 30-year Treasury issues above 8 percent for the first time since Nov. 5 and pushing down most equities outside of the bluechip and transportation sectors. U.S. government bonds slumped

MARKET DIARY

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after January retail sales were revised upward to an increase of 2.1 percent and February sales showed an unexpectedly high 1.3 percent gain. The signs of economic growth reduced the likelihood of an interest-rate cut by the Federal Reserve

Board to help the economy. The 30-year Treasury bond fell about 27/32 point, raising its yield to 8.03 percent, from 7.96 percent. Bonds were following a weak Wednesday performance, when they were depressed by comments from President George Bush that he was more concerned with stimulating the economy than about inflation. the bane of long-term bond prices. In stock trading, the Dow Jones industrial average was unchanged at 3,208.63, but most other indexes

New York Stock Exchange declines outnumbered advancers by an 8-to-5 ratio, as volume slipped

to 180.65 million shares from 185.32 million on Wednesday. Bucking the trend, The Dow

Jones transportation average rose 3.17, to 1,393.12. The Standard & Poor's 100-stock index, a blue-chip gauge like the Dow industrials, edged up 0.56, to 378.15.

Although the sales data worned the bond market, there was a report of economic weakness that made stock investors nervous. The Labor Department said new claims for state unemployment-insurance benefits rose 22,000 for the week ended Feb. 29, to a seasonally adiusted 459,000. Economists had expected a 16,000 rise.

"With bonds trading at 8 percent, that gives some competition to the dividend yields on stocks, said Ned Collins, executive vice president at Daiwa Securities.

Lawrence Helfand, manager for retail sales at Rodman & Renshaw Inc. in Chicago, said, "It's like the Dow crossing 3,000. We're talking about psychological numbers." If rates continue to rise, Mr. Helfand predicted, growth in the housing Silicon Graphics paced the Big

Board actives, dropping 4% to 22 after announcing a stock-swap merger with MIPS Computer Sys-tems. MIPS led the OTC actives, rising 2½ to 13½.

(UPI, Bloomberg, Reuters, AP)

SALES: A Strong Sign of Recovery

(Continued from page 1) always run out of light bulbs and eventually have to restock with new

"After all, 93 percent of consumers do have jobs and maybe at least half are not afraid of losing them, so they will spend when their per-Foreign Exchange

sonal inventories run down," Ms. Latta said.

Andrey Zaffuto of AZ Advisory pointed out that February had an extra Saturday because of leap year, and that mild weather made it easier for shoppers to get to the stores. The Commerce Department said it corrected for the former but

could not pick up the latter. No one thought the consu bounce would translate quickly into a sharp rise in new orders, greater production and more jobs. This traditional chain reaction will be "slow going," Ms. Liatta said, a point underscored by Gordon Richards, economist at the National Association of Manufacturers.

Mr. Richards said businesses were still working off the high inventories left after last summer's postwar rebound collapsed in the autumn. Furthermore, be said,

pressed incomes, high debt loads, and declining home equity wealth. Until these factors are reversed, consumption spending is likely to remain slow on average.

In New York trading, the dollar rose to 1.6695 DM, from 1.6622 DM at Wednesday's close. "If we see the same sort of strength in future figures as we've seen in sales today, then the market must have a go at 1.70 marks," said Jeremy Hawkins, senior economic adviser at BankAmerica in London. The dollar also rose to 134,22

yen from 133.45, to 1.5095 Swiss francs from 1.5065 and to 5.6700 French francs from 5.6435. The pound dropped to \$1.713 from \$1.728.

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New York's Daily News Posts Big Loss than expected but that rigorous cost controls had

NEW YORK - Because of a shortfall in advertising and circulation revenues, the Daily News posted a loss of about \$1.5 million for February, roughly twice the \$755,000 deficit that management had projected.

The unexpectedly large loss comes at a critical moment in the paper's search for a buyer after declar-ing bankruptcy following the death of Robert Max-

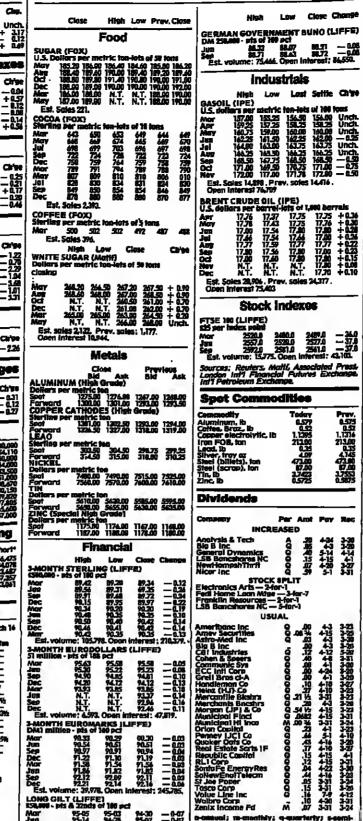
the paper's performance who spoke on condition of anonymity said revenue was about \$1.4 million less ment over the \$2.8 million loss in January.

created about \$700,000 in unexpected savings. James P. Willse, publisher of the paper, declined to confirm the specifics of the shortfall but acknowledged that the News was "soft" in both advertising and circulation in February.

Mr. Willse said the paper had not had to draw on its \$10 million line of credit more than it had expected

and was in no imminent danger of running out of money. He declined to be more specific.

The \$1.5 million February deficit was an improve-



Black & Decker Seeks \$800 Million Through Stock Issue, Spinoff of Unit

TOWSON, Maryland (Combined Dispatches) — Black & Decker Corp., the tool and household-appliance maker, announced Thursday plans to float new stock that would bring in more than \$800 million if

Black & Decker, seeking to reduce debt of \$2.9 billion that stems largely from its acquisition of Emhart Corp. in 1989, said it would offer 18 million shares of its own common stock. That compares with the off its information-processing and services business, selling 16 million shares in that unit, which will be known as PRC Advanced Systems Inc.

The Black & Decker float can be increased by 2.7 million shares in case of oversubscription and the PRC float by 1.77 million. At the current. B&D stock price of around \$23, the B&D float would be worth up to \$476. million, and at the expected PRC price of about \$21 a share, that sale could bring in \$371 million.

Franklin Mint Corp. Plans Offering WASHINGTON (Bloomberg) - Franklin Mint Corp., a marketer of

collectibles and home-decor products, filed Thursday with the Securities and Exchange Commission to make an initial public offering of 11 million common shares.

At the estimated sale price of between \$15 and \$17 a share, the offering would raise between \$165 million and \$187 million. About \$23.9 million will be used to repay subordinated debt owed to Time Warner Inc., about \$6.4 million to repay mortgage debt, and a further \$61.8 million to reduce bank borrowings, the company said.

After the sale, Time Warner will hold an 11.2 percent stake in the

company and Stewart Resnick, the chairman, and Lynda Resnick, vice chairman, will hold 63.4 percent.

Delta Is Sued, Again, Over Pan Am

NEW YORK (AP) — Delta Air Lines, the one-time savior of Pan

American World Airways that later pulled the ping on the dying carrier,
was hit Thursday with another lawsuit, this one a \$1.1 billion action by former Pan Am employees thrown out of work.

The lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court said 8,000 Pan Am workers.

wrongfully lost their jobs and benefits because of Delta's withdrawal from a deal intended to keep Pan Am flying. Pan Am halted Dec. 4, a day after Delta said in bankruptcy court it would not provide more money to help. Pan Am operate as a smaller carrier.

Delta also has been sued by Pan Am and Pan Am's creditors, who claim the Atlanta-based carrier led them on with false promises to assist. Pan Am's reorganization efforts only so Delta could win Pan Am assets.

Health Insurance Safeguards Urged

WASHINGTON (NYT) — A U.S. Senate subcommittee on Thursday urged criminal penalties for promotors of phony group health schemes and changes in law to close legal loopholes that have allowed such plans to flourish.

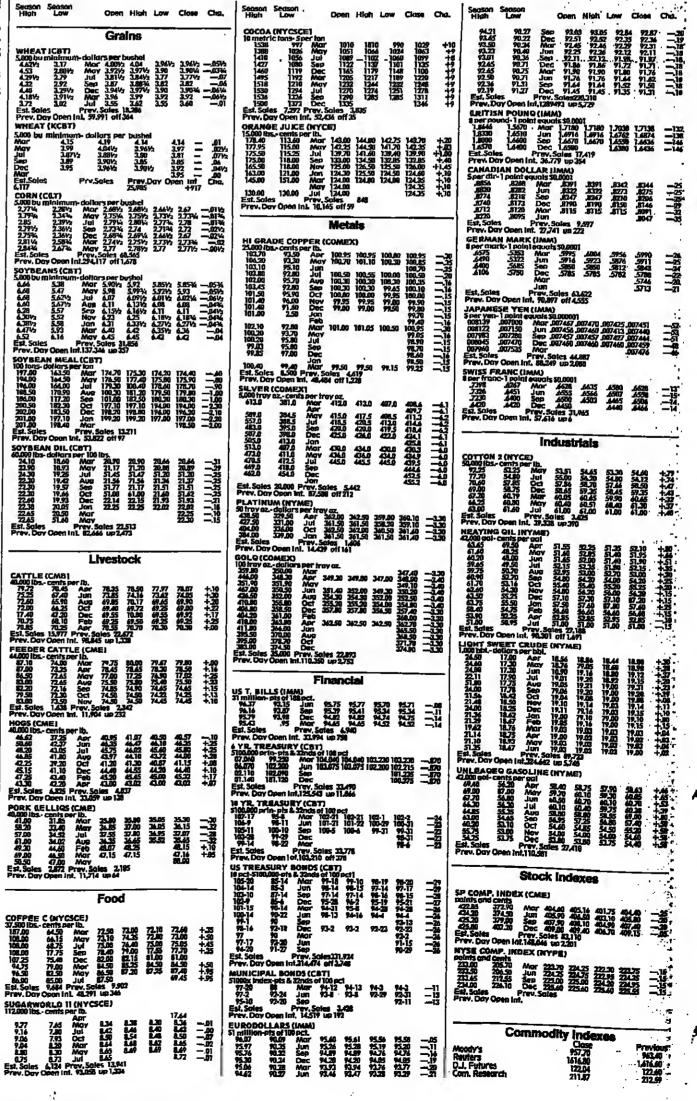
The Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations called for state licensing of certain types of group health plans, known as multiple-employer-welfare arrangements. These plans pool employees from different companies or members of different trade and or professional groups. Some of the plans are legitimate and can offer members discounted insurance. rates. But in dozens of cases, they have turned out to be pyramid schemes whose organizers collect millions in premiums, pay some claims and theasteal or dissipate the remaining funds.

For the Record

Dayton Hudson Corp. said its net profit had fallen 27 percent in the financial year that ended Feb. 1, to \$301 million, as a result of the

TLC Beatrice International Holdings Inc.'s profit more than doubled in the fourth quarter, to \$10.38 million, thanks to asset divestitures, although revenue sagged 9 percent to \$376 million.

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Philips to Develop Chips With Motorola

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches EINDHOVEN, Netherlands - Philips Electronics NV said

Thursday that it would develop microchips with Motorola Inc. for

compact-disk interactive technology.

The technology, which Philips launched in the United States late last year, uses a personal computer and software stored on compact disk to manipulate television images. It is believed to have potential in educational and entertainment markets.

"A common development group is necessary," said a Philips spokesman, Peter Elbers. He said a research and development center would be set up, employing about 10 people. But he declined to give details, saying, "It will get a more solid form in the spring."

The Dutch daily newspaper Het Financieele Dagblad said Thursday that the new venture would be aimed at reducing the number of

microchips needed in the technology to one by 1996.

The Dutch newspaper quoted Gaston Bastiaens, director of Philips Interactive Media Systems, as saying in San Francisco on Wednesday that "several tens of millions of guilders" would be invested in the joint venture over at least 10 years. The Philips spokesman would neither confirm nor deny the investment figure. Mr. Elbers noted that Philips had cooperated to other efforts with Motorola, including one project involving 16-bit microcontroller technology. He emphasized that the new development center was along the lines of many of Philips's other technical cooperative efforts and would not be on a very large scale.

Philips's slimmed-down electronic-components division has been discussing several ventures with other companies because of the high cost of developing the microchips needed for its consumer-electronic

The components division was the most heavily cut back of Philips's operations during the restructuring that began in 1990. More than 4,000 jobs were cut in the division in 1990, and more were eliminated in the 35,000 job cuts spread over the group in 1991. The division took a 1.53 billion guilder (\$810.4 million) restructuring charge to 1991.

Now the components division is tied much more closely to Philips's own chip needs, rather than competing in the international market for microchips, which is dominated by the Japanese.

GATT: Delors Gives Secret Reply

crucial. "The EC and some of its member states have to realize that movement on their part is essen-

tial," he said. . Hopes of a breakthrough to the GATT talks were raised earlier this week when EC officials disclosed that Mr. Bush had written to Mr. Delors with what they said was a modest softening of Washington's stance in the dispute over farm subsidies. But by Thursday, EC officials were trying to dampen expectations of a quick solution. One official said the parties had not agreed on even one of the areas of

dispute involving agriculture.

(Continued from first finance page) cials made clear that the issue of direct payments was only one of several farm trade disputes and said that Mr. Delors was likely to be pointing this out in his letter.

> Meanwhile, Mr. Yerra described Canadian criticism of some U.S. trade policies as unbalanced and hypocritical

The Canadian ambassador to GATT, Gerald Shannon, attacked U.S. trade policy to an appearance before the GATT ruling council on Wednesday, saying that Washington harassed competitors and abused the system.

Mr. Yerxa took issue in particu-"Mr. Bush's letter, offering flexi-bility on the key point of whether U.S. anti-dumping duties. Looked EC payments to farmers should be at in the context of "an extremely subject to cuts, was welcomed in large and lucrative trading relation-Brussels as a sign that Washington ship," he said, "Canada's remarks had not yet given up hope of a deal about the excessiveness of U.S. before the U.S. November presi-dential election. But the EC offi-are unbalanced."

Net Soars At Reticent Procordia

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches STOCKHOLM - Procordia AB eported Thursday a 21 percent rise in 1991 profit, but the Swedish food and pharmaceuticals compaoy was silent about the struggle over its future between the govern-

ment and Volvo AB. The company earned 4.2 billion kronor (\$691.1 million) from what analysts said was a 3.469 billion kronor comparison figure, including adjustment for structural changes.

Sales rose to 38.354 billion kronor from about 36.875 billion. The board proposed raising the divi-dend to 3.15 kronor from 2.85.

Kabi Pharmacia, acquired in June 1990, contributed much of the 2.39 billion kronor health-care profit up from 1.40 billion.

There had been speculation that Procordia would announce its planned merger with Volvo had been called off. But the company was mute on the dispute between Sweden and Volvo, which each own 42.7 percent of Procordia.

The automaker would like to merge with Procordía through a stock swap, but the government rejected the terms — which would leave it with a 25 percent stake in the combined company—as financially insufficient.

One analyst said the true aim of the merger was for Volvo to gain access to Procordia's virtually inflatioo-proof cash flow and strengthen its hand in a possible full merger with the French vehicle maker Renault, with which it now cooperates and has cross-share-(Reuters, AFX)

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Annual Profit Plunged 39% at RTZ Mining Giant Expects Little Recovery for Metal Prices

Compiled by Our Staff From Dupatches The new plant will be able to refine LONDON — RTZ Corp., the all the copper and gold mined by world's largest mining group, said Kennecott in that year, a planned l Thursday that depressed demand million tons a year, double the curand falling metal prices had slashed rent level.

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and falling metal prices nan sussince its net income by 39 percent in £308 million (\$526.5 million) in were affected by "difficult economic conditions" in 1991. Earnings and metals were reduced by £61 million before the The chief executive, Robert Wil- write-down, reflecting lower prices son, said there would be no major for nonferrous metals, notably aluupturn in earnings in 1992. But the minum, uranium and gold. Weaker stock market traded RTZ's shares markets for industrial minerals and

it was maintaining its dividend at Mr. Wilson noted that a rise in 19.5 pence a share. Mr. Wilson noted that a rise in Western metals production "was Mr. Wilson said operating cash augmented by a surge in exports flow slid by a more modest 7 per- from the former Comecon counent, to £744 million.

Part of the fall in net profit last had unfavorable implications for

He said there were "faint signs of near Salt Lake City. Utah, where recovery" in a few markets, such as RTZ is planning a new, \$880 mil- U.S. construction, but added that iton smelter for completion in 1995. false dawns had been seen before.

A long-awaited feasibility study is also going in the Papua New Guinea government by the end of this mooth oo a \$770 million development of RTZ's Lihir gold site.

the world's largest proven deposit outside South Africa. Both the Kennecott smelter and the Lihir project will be funded through debt and cash flow. Equity raising, such as a rights issue, is emphatically ruled out, Mr. Wilson

If both go ahead, the net debt-toequity ratio would rise to 40 percent after 1992, from 27 percent in

1991, he predicted. The company also noted that extraordinary provisions of £103 million after tax had been made for potential losses on disposal and impairment of asset values.

These mainly comprise provisions relating to CRA, RTZ's 49 percent-owned Australian asso-

(Reuters, AFP)

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United Biscuits Beats the Recession

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LONDON - United Bisquits (Holdings) PLC, the world's second-largest maker of cookies and crackers. said Thursday that its 1991 pretax profit had been boosted 8.3 percent to £211.3 million (\$365.1 million)

by strong performances to recession-hit markets.
United Biscuits, which trails only Nabisco in its core market, said revenue had grown 9 percent, to £2.98 billion. The company raised its full-year divi-

dend to 15.3 pence from 14.4 pence per share. The results both for profit and dividend were above analysts' expectations, and United Biscuits stock rose 5 pence to close at 417 pence.

The United Biscuits chairman, Robert Clarke, said the earnings were "satisfactory" given the difficult economic conditions to Britain last year.

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people's lives," Mr. Crowley said.

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Mr. Clarke said he was confident of satisfactory profit and earnings per share in 1992, based on last year's performance. Nevertheless, he saw no sign of an upnum in the company's major markets.

The chief executive, Eric Nicoli, said the group benefited from sales growth to its British and U.S. operations while its market share in continental Europe rose last year to 12 percent from 4 percent in

1990, driven by acquisitions. Mr. Nicoli said sales at McVitie's. UB's European biscuits division, gained from acquisitions such as Verkade in the Netherlands and Oxford in Denmark. Division sales jumped 22 percent, to £787 million, and operating profit was up 18 percent, to £106.7 million.

(Reuters, Bloomberg)

GOLDMAN: A Global Quest for Russian Investment Siemens Results

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MUNICH - Siemens AG's profit and sales rose 9 percent in the first four months of its financial year, Chief Executive Karlheinz Kaske told the annual meeting Thursday.

Sales in the period ended Jan. 31 were 22.6 billion Deutsche marks (\$13.5 billion), Mr. Kaske said, but he did not detail the profit figure.

"We mustn't pin our expectations too high for this year," Mr. Kaske said. "With the deepening recession in our primary markets such as Enrope and the U.S. we have to brace ourselves for flattening business (Bloomberg, Resgers)

Very briefly:

 Bertelsmann AG, the German media company, said it and Compagnie Générale des Eaux, the diversified French water company, want to buy the historic DEFA film studios in Berlin.

ABN Amro Holding NV said net profit rose nearly 6 percent, to 1.54 billion guilders (\$820.9 million) last year, mainly because of the banking company's higher interest income from investments.

Mundal Confiance SA, a Portuguese insurer, will be privatized on April
14; the Champalimand family, which owned Mundial Confiance before it
was nationalized in the 1970s, plans to attempt to regain control.

Henkel KGaA, the German detergents and consumer-products group, said its 1991 group net profit rose 3.3 percent to 443 million Deutsche marks (\$264 million) on revenue of 12.9 billion DM, up 7.4 percent.

Stated, Norsk Hydro and Saga Petroleum, Norway's three oil firms, have won the first Namibian offshore exploration and production license. QED Technology Ltd., a unit of Maxwell Communication Corp., has been sold to the Geneva-based investment company Cromas Trading Inc. by the court-appointed administrator of the Robert Maxwell empire.

Touche Ross, the liquidators wrapping up the affairs of the closed Bank
of Credit & Commerce International, filed suit against the bank's former
anditors, Price Waterbonse and Erast & Young, alleging negligence and
breach of duty relating to BCCI audits for 1985 and 1986.

• The Swiss economy should grow more than 0.5 percent in 1992, after last year's 0.5 percent contraction, a government commission said.

BMW Developing a Small Sports Car

MUNICH - Bayerische Motoren Werke AG will build a small, reasonably priced sports car in the future, an executive said Thursday in a published report.

Wolfgang Reitzle, head of research and development, told the newspaper Auto Zeitung that BMW was developing a car powered by a 174-horsepower engine that would compete against Volkswagen AG's Golf VR6.
"The car will also have extremely interesting prices," he said, "While Japanese carmakers turn to the upper segment of the market, BMW is

becoming more active on the ground level."

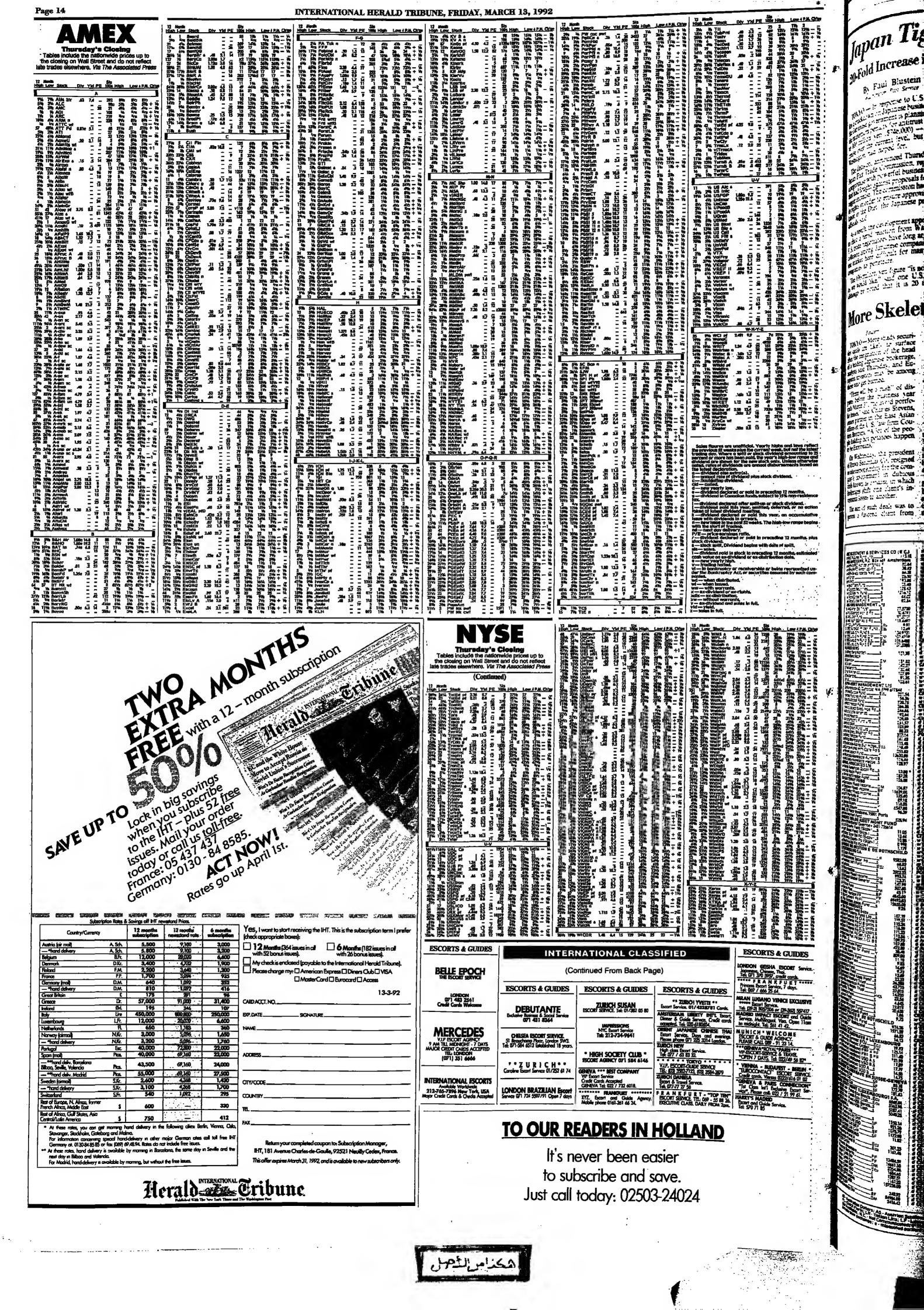
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Japan Tightens Antitrust Law a Notch

20-Fold Increase in Maximum Penalty Is Still Less Than U.S. Had Hoped

By Paul Blustein angton Post Service

TOKYO -- In response to U.S. demands for a crackdown on Japanese business cartels, the Japanese government is planning to raise the maximum penalty for antitrust violations to 100 million yen (\$746,000) — a big increase over the current level, but less than Washington had hoped for.

The decision, announced Thursday by the Japan Fair Trade Commission, represents a compromise with powerful business interests that had fought against proposals for a much bigger increase. The commission had to lower its sights in order to ensure approval of legislation in the Diet, the Japanese parliament, officials said.

As a result, the development appears likely to elicit p tepid reaction from Washington. U.S. trade negotiators have long argued that collusion among Japanese companies makes the market here difficult for many foreign companies to penetrate.

The 100 million yen figure "is not as high as we would like," said one U.S. official, although he noted that it is 20 times the current maximum fine. "Our view is, the higher the better."

The antitrust issue has become an important bone of contention between Washington and Tokyo, Attorney General William P. Barr hinted in a recent television interview that he was prepared to seek sanctions under U.S. law inst Japanese companies that collude to keep American companies out of the Japanese

market, a proposal vigorously rejected by To-kyo as a breach of its sovereignty.

The Fair Trade Commission, which has been trying to erase its weakling image in the eyes of U.S. officials, recently released a report by a blue-ribbon panel calling for the maximum antitrust penalty to be raised to "several hundred millions of yen" in order to properly deter the formation of cartels. But the proposal for such a large boost was

watered down because of opposition from business groups, especially the construction industry, which is famous for its cartels. The 100 million yen figure emerged Thursday from a meeting between the Fair Trade Commission and representatives of the government of the commission and the commission and the commission and the commission and the commission are commission and the commission and the commission are commission and the commission and the commission and the commission are commission and the comm erning Liberal Democratic Party, many of whose members are close to industry. Com-

promise was especially necessary in this case,

according to Japanese press reports, because the deadline for submitting legislation to the current parliamentary session is Friday.

At a briefing on trade issues for reporters, Noboru Hatakeyama, vice minister of the Ministry of International Trade and Indus-try, defended Japan against charges that its antitrust enforcement was still too lax.

Japan's government is one of only a few to Japan's government is one or only a few to have the possibility of imposing both a criminal penalty and a "surcharge" on violators, Mr. Hatakeyama said. The surcharge of 6 percent is applied to profits that companies gained illegally as the result of cartel activities. It was raised from 1.5 percent last year, the interest of 1.5 percent last year, also in response to U.S. pressure.

In response to a question, Mr. Hatakeyama acknowledged that the Japanese system does not provide for awarding damages three times the amount of injury sustained, as the United States does in antitrust cases. But, he said, trehle damage awards in the United States apply chiefly to private suits brought by individuals. As far as governmental antitrust sanctions are concerned, Japan is matching those of its main trading partners, Mr. Hatakeyama said.

Chinese Official Warns Of Surging State Debt

BELIING - China's state sector has registered losses of a staggering 31 billion yuan (\$5.7 billion) since 1988 and is accomulating debt faster than ever, Deputy Finance Min-ister Zhang Youcai was quoted

Thursday as saying.

At a national conference on industrial debt, Mr. Zhang said Beijing would have to find a way to inject life into its state enterprises by 1995 or face the consequences. the official Economic Daily reported. Mr. Zhang said even profitable enterprises were losing a chunk of their profits, estimated at 10 percent per year, because they were producing shoddy goods.

Chinese leaders are desperately trying to figure out how to save the state industries, which receive hoge official subsidies and face declining productivity. Experiments with management restructuring and partial privatization have been tried, but so far, the government has shied away from closing down state enterprises that lose money.

In an effort to encourage trade

expansion in Southeast Asia.

Keppel Raising Cash for Expansion

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controlled by the Singapore government, says it plans to raise 206 million dollars (\$121 million) through a rights issue of new stock to fund its

Part of the issue would be via a one-dollar warrant for every four

Coles Myer Posts Flat Net, CEO Quits

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MELBOURNE — Australia's biggest retailer, Coles Myer Ltd., said Thursday that its profit for the first half of its financial year was flat, and

The chairman, Solomon Lew, announcing the retirement of 55-year-

old Brian Quinn, said senior management changes were expected to result

in improved profitability in underperforming areas of the company.

Net profit for the 26 weeks to Jan. 26 edged up to 227.4 million

Australian dollars (\$171.7 million), from 227.2 million, held back by

recession, Sales rose just 2 percent to 8 billion. But Mr. Lew said February

sales had run "at a level slightly above that for the first six months" and it

that its chief executive was retiring in July.

SINGAPORE - Keppel Corp., the diversified shipbuilder that is

and investment, China plans to set up new economic cooperative zones along the Russian, North Korean and Mongolian borders to encourage trade and foreign invest-

ment, the newspaper also reported. The State Council said the new economic zones would be aimed at spuring trade between China and its northern neighbors as well as attracting foreign investment, which so far has been centered on the special economic zones along the southern coast.

Shenzhen, one of the special economic zones, will have its economic privileges restored, a Hong Kong newspaper reported Thursday. Shenzhen companies will be allowed once more to control their own import and export strategies, the pro-China Wen Wei Po said.

Preferential policies for China's special economic zones were re-moved during an "economic rectification period" against capitalist influences that followed the crushing of the pro-democracy move-ment in June 1989, the paper said. (Reuters, AFP)

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Singapore has changed its mind and will not sell the state-owned Singapore Telecom this year; Trade and Industry Minister Lee Hsien Loong said the government wanted to be sure the privatization would be successful but did not offer a more detailed reason for the delay.

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China has closed about 40 biological-product companies because of substandard manufacturing, the China Daily reported, saying at least one, Kangyi Biological Manufacturing Plant, was fined 400,000 yuan (\$73,059) for making unacceptable interferon.

common shares held, while part would be in unsecured loan stock, Keppel said. Proceeds would be used to support the expansion of core activities, said Teo Soon Hoe, Keppel's finance director. Australia's unemployment rate rose to 10.5 percent in February, from 10.4 percent in January, but Prime Minister Paul Keating said his priority would be to fight inflation, now at a 27-year low of 1.5 percent. Loh Weng Siew, managing director of the Keppel Shipyard unit, said last month the group wanted to establish a network of shipyards stretching from the Middle East to the Philippines. (AFP, Bloomberg)

 Complete Ltd., an Australian aluminum company controlled by CRA
 Ltd., and Marubeni Corp., the Japanese trading house, are studying a plan to build a \$1.5 billion aluminum smelter in Chile, along with Empresa Nacional de Electricidad SA, which would build an associated power plant. Bank of Japan Governor Yasushi Mieno said a recent survey showing deepening business pessimism in Japan would not bring a quick interest rate cut and added he was dissatisfied with the recent weakness in the yen.

 Mitsubish Electric Corp. said because of weakness in the computer-chip market, it would reduce production of transistor-transistor logic products and erasable programmable read-only memories, or EPROMs, and boost output of application-specified integrated circuits.

 Japan Aviation Electronics Lal., an affiliate of NEC Corp., said it expected a 3.3 billion yen loss in the financial year ending March 31, in part because of \$15 million in fines and penalties levied by the United States for illegally selling arms made in America to Iran in the 1980s. AFP, Reuters, Bloomberg, AFX

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More Skeletons Yet in Stockbrokers' Closets?

TOKYO - More shady securities deals are likely to surface after the resignation of the head of a leading Japanese brokerage, analysts said Thursday, and European investors may be among those who get burned.

"There will be a rush" of disputes before the business year ends March 31, "to avoid portfo-lio losses," said Charles Stevens, senior partner in the East Asian offices of the U.S. law firm Coudert Brothers. "A lot of the people holding hot potatoes happen to be Europeans.

On Wednesday, the president of Daiwa Securities Co. resigned to take responsibility for the company's involvement in dubious deals known as tobashi, in which brokerages shift one client's investment losses to another.

The aim of such deals was to prevent a favored client from stuck with losses are being forced

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having to report the loss. Most to seek court mediation in dis-involved a verbal pledge by the putes with the brokerages. brokerage to arrange a buyback for the securities at a profit, securities analysts said.

"If the court orders that compensation be paid, then this is not a violation of the Securities and All of Japan's Big Four broker-ages — Daiwa, Nomura Securi-of Finance official.

'A lot of the people holding hot potatoes happen to be Europeans.' Charles Stevens of Coudert Brothers law firm

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ties Co., Nikko Securities Co. and Yamaichi Securities Co. — and most other leading houses admitted compensating elite clients for huge investment losses suffered

A revision of the Securities and Exchange Law, effective Jan. 1, bans both giving and receiving such compensation. That means customers in danger of being

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A ministry investigation found that a total of 235 legal actions involving brokerages and cus-tomers were filed between January 1991 and last week. Damages claimed totaled 31.41 billion yen

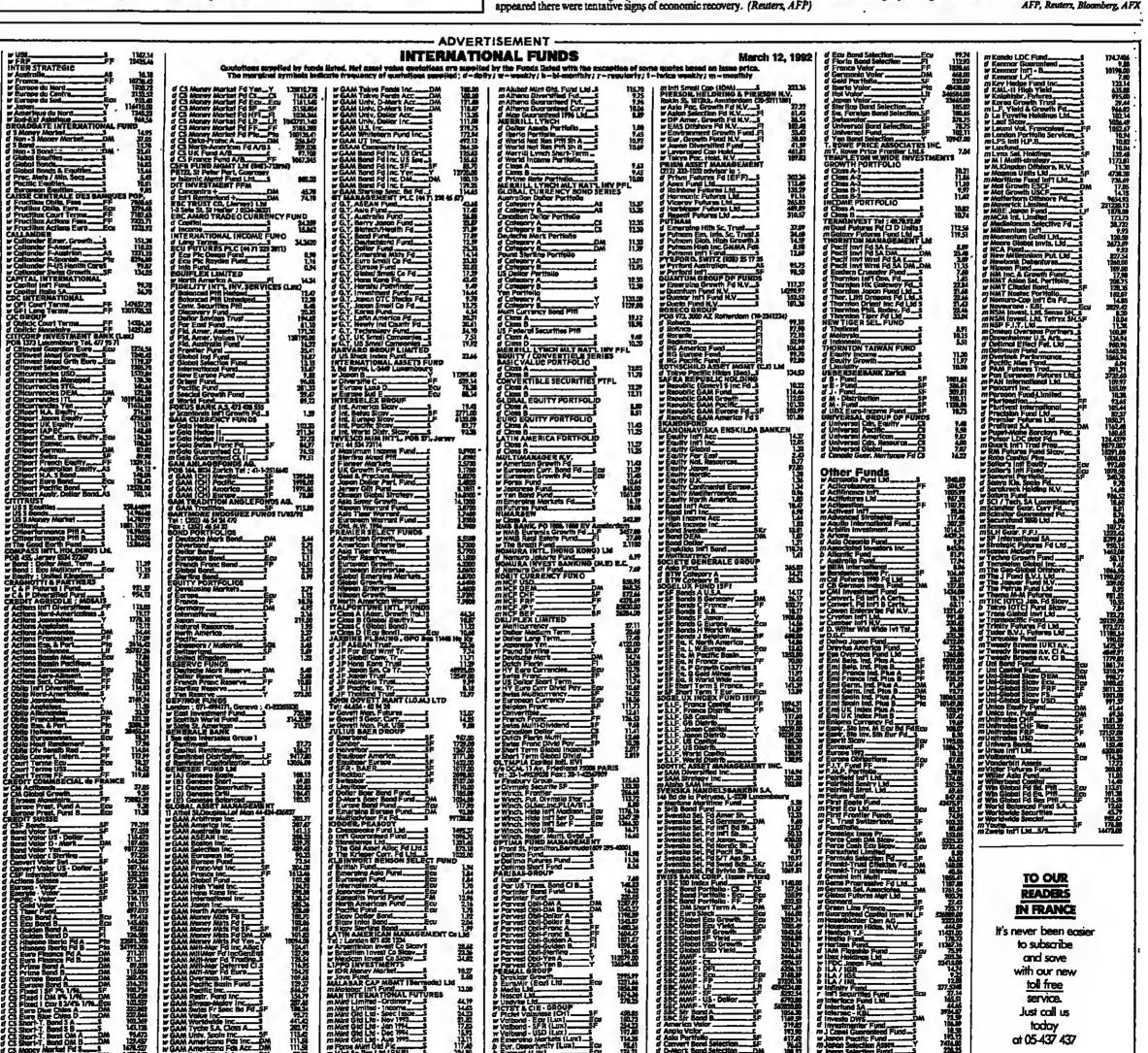
(\$236 million). Mr. Stevens of Coudert Brothers said European institutional investors were now considering whether to follow Japanese firms in seeking recompense for toba-

shi-related losses. "A lot of very respected institutions were involved in what they thought was a guaranteed return," he said.

European clients could well have been among those who bought devalued securities on the understanding they would be bought back at a profit, an analyst at a major Japanese broker-age said. The question is whether those promises were honored. If not, disputes could emerge," he

Tokyo stocks finished slightly lower Thursday. Dealers said bargain-hunting and short-covering prevented sizable declines of most leading issues, though the liquidation of Nikkei 225 stockindex futures contracts kept key stocks under pressure.

The Nikkei 225 average closed 30.26 points lower at 20,561.88, with an estimated 280 million



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stay loose by stretching. At this age, you tend

to stiffen up when sitting in one place for too long." What about jangling? "Sure, if you know how to jangle. I'm not sure I do."

Paige: "4. Go very light on the vices, such

as carrying on in society. The social ramble

Ryan; "Very true. You can do a lot of things with the body, but do everything in

moderation." How does Ryan characterize "social ramble?" "Bar hopping staying out

late in a joint or something. Overindulging.

Listen to your body. Sometimes the rumble is

Paige: "5. Avoid running at all times."

think a pitcher needs to run to build up

stamina and to strengthen the legs, the hips, the knees, the lower back. But I don't run for

distance anymore, and maybe I run 40 per-

cent of what I used to. The recovery rate to

bounce back gets longer. If this keeps up,

there's a good chance that when I'm 47 I

won't be able to run at all. So Satchel might

Paige: "6. Don't look back. Something

Ryan: "I take Satchel to mean that you can't start worrying now. You know there's always some kids behind you. Let them worry

Ryan: "Here I disagree with Satchel. I

because of the ramble."

Old Man Ryan Still Reads Paige

By Ira Berkow New York Times Service

PORT CHARLOTTE, Florida - The only time Nolan Ryan met Satchel Paige was m the mid-1970s in Los Angeles, and the old pitcher — now the late old pitcher — gave the younger man a piece of advice. "One of the best pitches is the bow-tie pitch," Paige said.

Paige was then about 70. Ryan was close to 30 and already an experienced big league pitcher. But he was puzzled. "What's a bowtie pitch, Satch?"

That's when you throw it right here," said Paige, drawing a line with his hand across his Adam's apple. "Where they wear their bow

Ryan has not been above using that pitch to make batters reluctant to dig in against him. Ryan's pitches remain bullet-fast, which makes the batter wary anyhow, whether he's concerned about a ball at his bow tie or

Last season. Rvan's 24th in the majors, he was still one of baseball's best pitchers. Among other achievements, he was third in the American League in strikeouts - he holds the all-time record of 5,511 — and he turned in his seventh no-hitter, three more than anyone else in history. At 45, when most old ballplayers are home

clipping coupons or out hooking drives, Ryan is looking forward to yet another remarkable year on the mound.

While his hair is thinning and there are the little crow's feet about the eyes, the rest of him looks pretty fit.

"And my arm? My arm is just fine," he said the other day at the Texas Rangers' spring training camp here.

Can he top the seniors' mark of Paige, who pitched in the majors when he was 47? "I don't know, but then no one really knows how old Satchel was," Ryan said. "He might have been 57. At least I have a birth certificate. And I have people who could verify it, though

Ryan isn't certain why he has had such staying power, but he believes genetics probably has something to do with it, as well as diet, exercise and attitude.

not as many as there used to be."

Ryan said he once read Paige's rules for keeping young and thought at the time that they were "applicable" to him. Ryan was asked to comment on those six points. Paige: "1. Avoid fried meats, which angry

Ryan: "I think from a cardiovascular standpoint, Satchel's right. I stay away from fried foods now, even though I grew up in Texas where a frying pan was always sitting on the stove. Nowadays 1 have my food broiled. 1 stay away from fatty foods, and chocolate cakes and chocolate pies, which I used to love. But I don't know anything about angrying up the blood."

Paige: "2. If your stomach disputes you, lie down and pacify it with cool thoughts."

Ryan: "I take naps when I can, and I always try to get seven or eight hours' sleep a night. You want to keep relaxed."
Paige: "3. Keep the juices flowing by jangling around gently as you move."

Ryan climbed onto the stationary bike. One was reminded that Paige's exercise machine was also stationary. It was a rocking chair.

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ain't restful.



At 45, Ryan is looking forward to another year on the mound.

The Jackson Rocket: Double-Barreled, Yes, but Single Stage

might he gaining on you."

By Thomas Boswell

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — Would Herh V Score have won 300 games? Would Tony Conigliaro have hit 500 home runs? Would Ernie Davis have approached Jim Brown's achievements? Would Len Bias have extended the Celtics dynasty?

What is the comparable lingering ques-tion that fans will ask about Bo Jackson? Assuming his future includes both a hip replacement and no more pro sports, what has the finest two-sport athlete of this generation left undone?

Maybe not much. He was spectacular — for about as long as could be expected of a player who was injury-prone in two sports.

Don't get this wrong — Jackson isn't lucky in any sense. When you have vasculus

lar necrosis at 29, that's nothing but a rotter break, no matter how fich and famous you are.

But his fans are probably fortunate in one sense. They got to enjoy the best of their man, something we can't say about most other superb stars whose careers caded too soon.

Jackson wasn't a career-achievement

kind of guy. He was more a film-clip nhenom.

He once ran halfway up an outfield wall—after making a pretty good catch.
What made the play a smash hit was that
he nonchalantly defied gravity by jogging
vertically until he was horizontal. Then he came back to earth casually, losing neither balance nor hat. Nothing special.

Nobody ever got more mileage out of two long touchdown runs - neither sig-nificant in NFL history. "Most runs of 90-or-more yards from scrimmage: two." That's Jackson's big pro football record. Two plays. But he turned left end and hit the jets up the sideline, blurring the fiveyard stripes, so many times.

When Jackson knocked over somebody - not his specialty - he didn't just hit him. He knocked Brian Bosworth mohawk over teakettle on national TV, exploding The Boz's image in a split second. In Kansas City, they still show you where Jackson's titanic home runs land-

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ed, even though he had only 112. He even hit 'em into the water fountains - to the opposite field. With Jackson, there was always a twist. Baseball folks can show you the warn-

ing track where he heaved a ball that put a runner out at the plate. He stood right there — you never saw a throw like that in your life. So what if the only category which he ever led American League left fielders was errors?

As long as there's baseball, fans will talk been truly great, rather than simply about Jackson walking to the dugout after breathtaking, in either one?

a strikeout, putting the bat over the top of Go ahead and feel sorry for Jackson a strikeout, putting the bat over the top of his helmet and snapping it in two. After that, who was surprised when he broke a bat in two just checking his swing?

Jackson was the ultimate spectacular one-shot artist. And, luckily, he got to take his shots. At the ages when most baseball players have their best seasons — 25, 26 and 27 — Jackson was playing major-league ball. He had a 32-homer, 105-RBI, All-Star Game MVP year in 1989. Jackson's career wasn't meant to he an

arc. It was a rocket hlast. Straight up and, perhaps inevitably, straight back down. He wasn't built to last.

Maybe Jackson knew himself - and his limits - better than anyone else. Maybe five years of total stardom was the role that suited him best. Who says he'd have had a long career in either sport! And who can say that he would have last thing - when to go.

the man because of all the pain in his hip. B UT DON'T shed too many tears for Jackson the athlete and Jackson the public figure. He made more money per run batted-in and per touchdown than any man who ever lived. He got as much worship as his huge athletic ego could want and more than the modest private side of his nature enjoyed.

Regardless, we'll always he able to remember Jackson at his peak: snapping bats, going deep, pounding Bosworth, breaking the long one and smiling with utter self-confidence.

This was not an athlete nature intended to grow old slowly, losing a bit of majesty each year. That wouldn't have been Bo Jackson. Sad as it seems, we muse now hope that Jackson knows one

Japan and Kiwis Sail Into Semifinals As Conner Falters

SAN DIEGO — New Zealand and Japan clinched places in the America's Cup challengers' semifinals, as the Swedish entry and two Australian yachts were eliminated Japan's boat, Nippon, beat the Spanish yacht, España '92, on Wednesday to reach 58 points with New Zealand.

New Zealand, with an impressive five-minute, one-second victory over Italy's entry, Il Moro di Venezia, picked up eight points for its 58 total.

There were only three seconds between New Zealand and the Italians over the starting line. But after a hrief tacking battle, Il Moro found herself downwind, and by the first windward mark, one minute and 20 seconds behind New Zealand.

The Italians said they would im-prove their keel in a bid to get more speed for the next round. The Italians, who already have

lost to the Japanese in this round, have 45 points and are tied for third place with the French. The Italians were to race the

French entry on Thursday. Both were expected to reach the semifi-nals, unless Spain manages a miracie by beating Il Moro on Satur-day and Ville de Paris on Sunday.

Spirit of Australia, one of two Australian yachts here, beat Sweden's Tre Kronor by six minutes, 42 seconds, but the Australians were left with only 19 points, putting them mathematically out of

the challenger's semifinals. The other Australian syndicate's yacht, Challenge Australia, has eight points and Sweden has five.

In the competition to defend the Cup, Dennis Conner, who won it for the San Diego Yacht Club in 1988 in a controversial catamaran, lost to America3 syndicate's second boat, Defiant. He has lost five of his six races in this third series.

But Conner, sailing after a frantic night spent replacing a broken mast with an older, heavier one, still managed to jut up a good fight against Defiant. Comer led for one leg in the light winds, and was nevonds behind Defiant

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Conner's defeat dropped him to last in the three-boat defenders competition. Conner, however, will have the chance to climb back up into contention in the defender semifinals.

In the challengers' races, Ville de Paris easily beat Challenge Austra. lia by nearly 13 minutes.

$m{Paramount}^{\perp}$ Is Seeking to **Buy Yankees**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - Paramount Communications, which already owns New York's Knicks and Rangers and Madison Square Garden, said Thursday it had discussed purchasing the New York Yankees, but had not received or made any "concrete proposals." "Yankee owners, including

George Steinbrenner, have expressed an interest in discussing a sale of the team," Paramount said in a statement. However, we have not received any concrete proposals nor have we made any." "As a communications com-

pany with substantial interests in publishing and entertainment, including sports," Para-mount added, "we always explore every opportunity to expand those operations."

The New York Daily News reported that Paramount and Steinbrenner, the Yankees' principal owner, talked in the past two weeks. It said Paramount wanted to buy Steinbrenner's 55 percent stake and

shares from limited partners. "To say these talks are senous at this time, I couldn't say that," Steinbrenner said. "You can't attach the exit of George, Steintrenner wit

(Reuters, AP)

BOOKS

DISAPPEARANCE

By Yury Trifonov. Translated by David Lowe. 181 pages. \$23.95. Ardis Publishers, 2901 Heatherway, Ann Arbor, Mich. 48104.

INVENTED TRUTH: Soviet Reality and the Literary Imagination of Iurii Trifonov

By Josephine Woll. 169 pages. \$27.50. Duke University Press, Box 6697, College Station, Durham, N.C. 27708 Reviewed by Jeffrey A. Frank

A LL artists are pursuant they were time; in the Soviet period, they were LL artists are prisoners of their often prisoners of plot as well as society. It might even be said that everyone who lived through the Stalin era had the same thory to tear childhood. Its livestament the gulag; Stalin's death (in 1953); and the survivors live to tell the tale. So it is.

Trifonov's "Disappearance."

It is our habit in the West to think that Russian literature ended with the rise of Bolshevism. Yet some of what was written and "officially" published during the years of the Soviet Union was very much in the spirit of what had gone before all the more remarkable when you consider that Soviet censorship was far more smister than under the czars.

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although with great difference, in Yuri

One of these writers was Yuri Trifonov, a master of subtlety and indirection —and all kinds of Aesopian artifice. He excelled at getting subversive ideas past dimwitted Soviet censors; in a novel like "The House on the Embankment" and some novellas, the shadowy, oppressive Brezhnev era is wholly captured without a political phrase. But Trifonov had a secret: a novel,

unpublished in his lifetime (he died in 1981) that made no attempt to conceal ily's experience of the Great Terror. It was "Disappearance," first published in the Sovet Union in 1987, and now available in English. It is set mostly in the heart of Moscow. The time shifts between 1942 and 1937, between the war and the Terror, and the narrative is revealed through the perspective of the boy, Igor, at ages 16 and 11 — very much the author's younger self.

From the first, one is immersed in a central Asia, having volunteered to work in a Moscow munitions factory. On a train platform, the strap binding Igor's two suitcases breaks. So the 16-year-old is forced to carry one, then go back to fetch the other, in the process, both bags are stolen. All is lost. The scene is set: Worlds collapse.

Trifonov is fond of juxtapositions; he knows that interesting ideas emerge when you rub together different times and moods. That the most brutal moments of Stalinism arrive in the year of

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the Pushkin centennial is irresistible. When Igor compiles a Pushkin album for a school competition, he is devastated to learn that "first prize had gone to a boy from eighth grade for a plasticine statu-ette entitled Young Comrade Stalin Reading Pushkin.

Trifonov never finished "Disappearance." But it is not difficult to write the conclusion, knowing that Trifonov's own father and uncle died in 1937 - one while under arrest and the other of a As Josephine Woll observes in "Invented Truth," her first rate critical assessment of Trifonov's fiction, the ominous pat-tern is quickly established. The next knock on the door is only pages away.

Woll is at her best when she explains how Trifonov the artist came to terms with the totalitarian state - and with his literary conscience. She observes that he was slow to connect Stalinism with Leminism, even by implication," and adds, pointedly: "He was perhaps at our than many of his peers, either from calculation or from genuine uncertainty." but she does not discount the latter. Many of Trifonov's contemporaries

still believe he hesitated when courage was called for, and very possibly so. But bravery has never been a requirement for art. Perhaps it was all the ambivalence in his soul that made his art so rich and troublesome and true.

Jeffrey A. Frank is on the staff of The Washington Post.

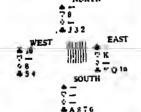
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By Alan Truscott

THE diagramed deal from a bridge class in Hobe Sound, Florida was designed to illustrate a simple point: That a defender should not cover when an honor sequence is led from the dum-my. It backfired.

When the deal had been played at 10 tables, the teacher explained that South could only succeed if East had unwisely wasted the heart king when that suit was led repeatedly from the dummy. But that statement was untrue, as was demonstrated at one table. South began by holding up dummy's spade ace until the third round when East correctly retained

South then cashed three rounds for diamonds, ending in dummy in this position:



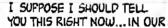
dummy, giving East the lead. That player was permitted to win the cluh king and was then endplayed. Dummy's cluh jack scored South's ninth trick, and the teach-er was left to realize that he should have put a high club honor in the West hand. NORTH 4 A 7 6 7 Q J 10 8 6 Q 7 6 4 J 3 2

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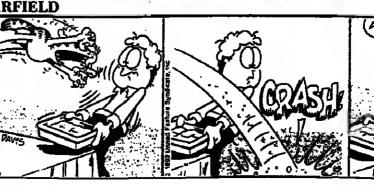








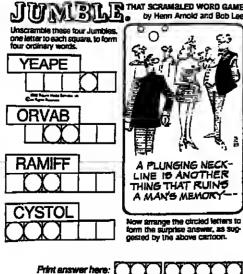






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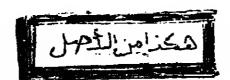
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Target Park THE REAL PROPERTY OF the Blue Hens (27-3), who won their 20th straight game.

Dexter Abrams had 21 points Section less CO C. Water a low and 14 rebounds as Georgia Southern gained its first tournament bid since 1987. Wendell Charles added the least by MEN I SE : M 21 points, six assists and five steals THE AS THE DOLL for the Eagles (25-5), who join the Southern Conference next season. the second of the second יי אוני ביי ייי יייי ביי 7 --- 22 27637666 as Robert Morris made the NCAA tournament for the third time in 224 384 TOTAL PER In the Big Ten, which does not have a postseason tournament, three ranked teams played regular-TO MENT Det le No. 5 Obio St. 82, Illinois 70: Jim Jackson scored 26 points as Ohio State (22-5 overall, 14-3 Big Ten) THE PERMIT : cometaer the lake ... war telledige won at home to move ahead of second-place Indiana, which was to play Wisconsin on Thursday. Jackson hit 8 of 13 shots from the field, and went 3-for-5 from 3-- : :::

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in the larger to and five rebounds as the Buckeyes in - mouth won their fifth game in a row, Deon ್ಲಿ ಬಿಡಿದಿದ್ದಾರೆ. Thomas led Illinois (13-14, 7-10) of March 1 with 21 points. No. 14 Michigan 70, Purdue 61: 1.50 Juwan Howard scored 18 points and fellow freshman Jalen Rose added 17 as visiting Michigan hurt Purdue's slim chances of making the NCAA tournament. No. 16 Michigan St. 66, Minne

sota 57: Mike Peplowski led Michigan State with 21 points and 11, The Spartans (20-7, 10-7) led by 24-23 at halftime, but the visiting Golden Gophers rallied for a 35-31 lead before Peplowski took over. He scored nine points during a 16-0 run that finally ended when Jayson Walton made a tip-in with 7:39 remaining. Minnesota (16-14, 8-9) went scoreless for more than eight minutes during the streak.



Spain Cruises to a 2-0 Triumph Over U.S.

Spain's Manolo dribbling past Paul Caligiuri of the United States during their exhibition soccer match in Valladolid, Spain. The Barcelona forward Aitor Beguiristain scored in the 38th minute and the Real Madrid midfielder Fernando Hierro added another goal in the 75th minute as Spain coasted to a 2-0 victory. Said the U.S. coach, Bora Milutinovic: "It's not how you win, but how you lose. We did as well as could be expected against a team like Spain. They are in a different class."

Doctors' New Orders for Johnson

Knicks in a National Basketball Association game here, said the final hurdle in his possible return to the NBA had been cleared: His doctors said they would UNLV finished its reg not oppose such a move.

On his doctors' advice, Johnson retired in November because he had contracted the HIV virus that causes AIDS. At the time, he said, however, that he planned to play on the U.S. team in the Summer Olympics in Barcelona.

Before Wednesday's Knicks-Lakers game, Johnson said that his doctors had "changed their mind" and approved of his returning to the NBA if he wanted to. He said the doctors had feared that he would suffer "secondary effects" from the drug AZT, which he has been taking since late November.

■ Judge Rejects UNLV Players' Bid

Press reported from Las Vegas.

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UNLV's basketball season officially ended Wednesday night when a state judge refused to order the National Collegiate Athletic Association to allow years ago of Tarkanian. the seventh-ranked Runnin' Rebels to participate in the postseason basketball tournament, The Associated

The Associated Press

District Judge Donald Mosley said that while he agreed UNLV's players were being unfairly punished for sins they did not commit, he could find no legal standard that said the players had a right to partici-

UNLV finished its regular season last week with a 26-2 record and a nation-leading 23-game winning

Lawyers for the players argued that they were enti-tled to play in the tournament and had asked for a preliminary injunction that would force the NCAA selection committee to consider giving the team a bid. But lawyers for the NCAA said it had a right to

impose the ban as an alternate penalty in a case that stemmed back to attempts to suspend UNLV's coach. Jerry Tarkanian, in 1977.

"In the final analysis, these are rebels without a cause," said the NCAA lawyer, Peggy Leen.

Mosley appeared ready to grant the injunction as he wrapped up the hearing by saying he believed the NCAA abused its power

"My first instinct was to rush in here and right a wrong," Mosley said. "But there must be a legal reason for doing what I'm doing."

South Africa No Rival for England

English Join New Zealand In Semifinals

SYDNEY - England's cricketers used their unrivaled experience of the limited-overs game to clinch B World Cup semifinal place with a compelling victory over South Afri-

ca on Thursday.

Sperred by brilliant innings from Alec Stewart, the acting captain, who scored 77, and Neil Fairbrother, with an unbeaten 75, England was by three pickets with one land won by three wickets with one ball to spare in a rain-interrupted day-night metch in Melbourne.

South Africa scored 236 for four from its 50 overs and the rain reduction lest unbeaten England, playing without its injured captain, Graham Gooch, requiring 226 from just 41 overs.

Earlier, in Dunedin, New Zealand improved its record to 6-0 with a workmanlike victory over India. The New Zealanders, fired by a whiriwind 73 from opener Mark Greatbatch, beat India by four wickets for their sixth consecutive

Cup win. The only other team to have won six straight in a World Cup was the West Indies, in 1983. England now has 11 points from six matches, five victories and a rained-out draw. The English, unbeaten in their last 11 limited-overs

internationals, joined New Zealand in the semifinals. South Africa has eight points from seven matches and needs to beat India in its last match in Adelaide on Sunday to be assured of a semifinal berth.

South Africa, West Indies and Pakistan are effectively fighting for the remaining two semifinal berths. Sri Lanka and holders Australia have only an outside chance.

South /drick was led by captain Kepler Wessels, who scored a typi-cally dogged 85 from 126 deliveries, hitting six boundaries, and shared a libera opening stand with Andrew Hudson, who had a career

one-day high of 79.

But England sustained its unbeaten record - it had one match washed out - by making the most of the expertise gained in playing one-day cricket at the domestic lev-

When rain left England with a revised target at an average rate that rose from the original 4.74 an over to beyond six runs per over, Stewart, Fairbrother and Chris Lewis paced their effort to perfection.

Left-hander Fairbrother, an instinctively free-scoring player, revable to enhance England's cause with some sharp and speedy running between the wickets.

The match exposed and added to

England's injury problems.



The airborne efforts of bowler Allan Donald were not enough to lift South Africa over England.

Already without Gooch and Allan Lamb through hamstring trou-ble, England had seamers Dermot Reeve and Phillip Defreitas leave the field.

Paceman Lewis was unable to bowl because of a side strain.

So dire is England's injury problem that they had already obtained permission for non-squad member els in the over-limit game while Lewis, a natural athlete as well as a season in Sydney, to be on stand-by batsman of great potential, was as substitute, and he went on to ce DeFreitas.

Gooch, who suffered his hamstring injury fielding against Sri citing batsman of the tournament.

Lanka earlier this week, said he was As he did to the West Indian opener, was injured. unlikely to play in Sunday's match

against New Zealand, although he predicted the return of Lamb. In Dunedin, India made 230 for six from its 50 overs after winning

the toss and electing to bat. New Zealand responded with 231 for six with 3.5 overs to spare. India has only five points from seven matches and the loss elimi-

nated the 1983 champion from semifinal contention. Greatbatch, out of form during England's recent tour of New Zea-

land and included in his team's third Cup game because of an injury to

John Wright, has been the most exthe side until New Zealand's third quick bowlers on Sunday, Great-

batch charged the Indian pacemen. twice dispatching Kapil Dev over the mid-wicket fence.

And also like the West Indian bowlers, the Indian pacemen were so frustrated at Greatbatch's tactics that there were verbal confron-But it failed to stop him. With

New Zealand's total on 66 he brought up his 50 off 47 balls, an innings that included three sixes one from four overthrows - and

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SAN DIESG—Signed Cearle Jackson, run-mins back.

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BOSTON—Signed Clark Donofelli, forward.

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BAYLOR—Promoted Cotton Davidson to executive assistant; Pete Frederighurg to assistant head coach; and John Goadner to defensive coordinator.

BOSTON COLLEGE—Agreed to multi-veor contract extension with Jim O'Brien, basketball coach.

CITADEL—Rebert G. Bubb, wrestling coach, retired effective at end of season. Named Jock Dovis wrestling coach, DCPAUL—Suspended Jeff Stern, center,

SIDELINES

U.S. Court Convicts Witt Pursuer

SANTA ANA. California (AP) - A federal court jury on Thursday

found a man guilty of sending threatening and obscene letters to the German ice skating star Katarina Witt. Harry Veltman 3d, 47, was found guilty of six of the seven counts gainst him. The verdict was returned a day after Witt testified that she had feared for her life and faced an unusual cross-examination by the defendant, who acted as his own attorney. "Do you realize through my love for you I was inspired to write this entire letter for you?" Veltman asked, referring to a 20-page letter mailed in April 1991 to her home in Altendorf, Germany. U.S. District Judge Gary Taylor disallowed the

question, as he did with many others Wednesday.

Witt, who won gold medals in the 1984 and 1988 Olympics before turning professional, said she was hounded by Veltman, a diagnosed schizophrenic, and that his letters put her in fear for her life. The FBI arrested Veltman on Dec. 26, the day before Witt was to appear in an ice show at the Forum in Inglewood, California.

UEFA Won't Expand European Cup
STOCKHOLM (Reuters) — The European soccer championship finals will be contested as an eight-team tournament in 1996, retaining the current format, UEFA said on Thursday.

UEFA, European soccer's governing body, also said in a statement issued after a meeting in Gothenburg that the host nation for the 1996 finals would be selected in Lisbon in May. Austria, England, Greece, the Netherlands and Portugal have made bids to stage the 1996 tournament.

Citing the increasing number of nations in Europe, UEFA had said in January that it might consider expanding the finals to 16 teams and dividing the tournament between two countries. The statement Thursday did not elaborate on why UEFA decided to retain the old format.

For the Record

The British shot-putter Neal Brunning, 21, has admitted that he tested positive last month for steroid use, a British athletics official said Thursday. Traces of steroids were found in the urine sample of the 21year-old international at last month's national indoor championships in

Cool Ground was a shock 25-1 winner of the Cheltenham Gold Cup on Thursday as the favorite, Carvill's Hill, flopped, in the steeplechase classic in Cheltenham, England. Cool Ground, ridden by top young jockey Adrian Magnire, beat The Fellow (7-2) by a short head. (Reuters)

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Mesut, Ayaz and Franjo

By Russell Baker TEW YORK - Once in a blue moon I wander into the for-

eign-news pages of The New York Times and always come out exhilarated. My doctors think it's escap-ing the suffocating languous of the post-Cold-War, small-bore American news that does the trick. They believe that anyone whose

world is limited to Clinton-Tsongas, Bush-Buchanan, Marlin Fitzwater, Mayor Dinkins, Grammys, Tonys, Oscars and accounts of the execution-of-the-day in Texas would be exhilarated by any change whatever of news milieu, including even the sports pages.

How little they know. I have tried the sports pages and come out of them desperate for anesthetic gin after wading chest deep through analyses of Darryl Strawberry's literary style. There I have confronted the ultimate in torpor: basketball seasons nearly as long as a TV debate starring Clinton, Tsongas, Brown and Harkin.

My expeditions into the entertainment pages invariably produce weeping melancholy. No wonder. What do we learn there? That Kevin Costner is now considered a perfectly adequate replacement for Humphrey Bogart. That Mick Jagger, surely nearing his dotage, must still prance around stages in kiddie clothes as the Rolling Stones vocal-

Admittedly the obituary pages may cheer the over-40 set with their testimony that a 90th birthday isu't entirely out of the question these days. For improving your day, however, let me urge a dip into the foreign news. Yes, most of it is incomprehensi

ble. Why, for instance, would the people who once composed Yugoslavia now want to become warring Balkan states once again? Don't they realize the Balkan problem started World War I? What is stimulating, though

may simply be the heady variety of exotic names encountered nowadays in the foreign news.

For parochial Americans whose little world is confined to a handful of far too familiar names, the names of this strange new world created by the Cold War's end snggest that our planet isn't quite so used up as it seems, that in fact it's a world filled with possibilities.

editions of the Times: Akito Arima, Mesut Yilmaz, Ayaz Mutalibov, Jan Olszewski, Mohammed Ali Mahdi, Yasushi Akashi, Franjo Tudjman, Lamen Khalifa Fhimah, Andries Treurnicht, Jacques Delors, Vladimir Meciar, Seyavush Velimamenov.

They are, respectively, the president of the University of Tokyo; an opposition leader in the Turkish government; the president of Azerbaijan, who resigned last week; the prime minister of Poland; the president of Somalia; the head of the new UN transitional authority in Cambodia; the leader of Croatia; one of two Libyan officials accused of sabotaging Pan Am Flight 103; leader of the Conservative Party in South Africa; president of the European Community's executive commission; leader of the Slovak nationalists in Czechoslovakia; an administrator of the Azerbaijani government in the Nagorno-Karabakh region.

The names of the places where these stories originated must seem equally exotic to American children of the Cold War years. Anybody here who, before the Soviet Union collapsed, knew that Nagorno-Karabakh was an Armenian region in-side Azerbaijan? Anybody who knew Nagomo-Karabakh existed?

Aged stamp collectors may re-member Azerbaijan as well as Bosnia and Herzegovina. (Incidentally, what ever happened to Tannou Touva?) For most Americans, however. Azerbaijan could just as well be a new politically correct name being proposed for the Washington Redskins, and Bosnia and Herzegovina an old-time singing-sisters act that never became as successful as the Andrews Sisters.

I've omitted a lot of the more exhilarating names in the weekend's foreign news. Names like Slobodan Mikosevic, Blagoje Adzic, Radovan Karadzic and Satish Nambiar, Names like Sadako Ogata, Moham-med Farrah Aidid, Ishak Alaton and Abdel Hadi Hamadi.

There isn't enough space to identify them all, and we should know who they are and what they are doing to make the world order new. They may be getting the job done while we're languishing in basket-ball and self-fascination.

The Grandmaster of Chess Training

By Peter Maass gton Post Service

B UDAPEST — Nearly two decades ago, Hungary's Communist regime was tempted to throw Laszlo Polgar into a mental institution because he refused to send his daughter to school. Polgar wanted his 4-year-old daughter, Zsuzsa, to stay at home so he could teach her to become one of the greatest chess players in the world. Never mind that Polgar was a mediocre chess player and his wife didn't know the game at all. Forget about the premise that chess geniuses are born, not educated. And ignore the fact that maybe I percent of the top chess players are women.

Polgar was going to change all that.

His educational experiment called for five to eight hours of chess instruction every day by the best experts available, phus a few hours of classes in languages and history. There would be a regular time slot for swimming or table termin to ensure good physical conditioning and a 20-minute breather for joke-telling to ensure a healthy sense of humor.

Somehow he persuaded the authorities to give it a shot, perhaps helped by the fact that the country's leader, Janos Kadar, was a chess fan,

Most people were dismissive. Instead of creating another Bobby Fischer or Garri Kasparov, Polgar seemed destined to turn into a tyrannical father who would shackle his unwilling daughter to the game of chess. She could not be a grandmaster, of course. She would be ruined psychologically. He was a madman, a Hungarian Daddy Dearest. Today, Zsuzsa Polgar is 22 years old — and she is a star.

She is the first female chess player to gain the rank of grandmaster, a feat she achieved three years ago. She has earned more money than most Hungarians can dream of earning in a lifetime. She has traveled all over the world. She speaks about half a dozen languages, she is outgoing and has lots of friends. She loves her father and mother. There is only one other woman who has achieved more in chess than Zsuzsa Polgar.

Her younger sister, Judit. In December, Judit Polgar became the youngest chess grandmaster ever. She qualified for grandmaster status held by only about 350 people in the world — at the age of 15 years, 5 months. She beat the previous record of Fischer, who was a month older when he became a grandmaster in 1958. Fischer went on to become the world champion, and Judit Polgar, the Mozart of chess, hopes to do the same. She wants to become the first female champion of world chess — and the ultimate vindication of Laszlo Polgar's controversial experiment. "She is the most promising young player," said Maxim Dlugy, president of the U. S. Chess Federation. "I think it's possible for her to become world champion. She's playing extremely well at a young age. She

The success of Zsuzsa and Judit, plus their sister Zsofia, 17, who is ranked No. 10 among female chess players, has stirred up the deeply charvinistic chess world, which is littered with men who balk at playing women. Even though physical contact in chess is limited to a handshake at the end of play, most women compete in separate tournaments and are ranked in a separate division. The Polgars are the first to break out of this female ghetto.

The girls are described by people who know them as charming, outgoing and delightful. Their father is another story. He seems to make enemies as easily as his daughters win chess matches. He is described as aggressive, prickly and stubborn. That's what his allies say. His opponents —



and there are many in Hungary's ego-filled chess world—consider him arrogant beyond toleration.

Polgar, 45, who has published a book called "Educate a

Genius!" does not disagree with accusations that he is experimenting with his children. That's precisely the point, he says. "A genius is not born but is educated and trained. When a child is born healthy, it is a potential genius."

Even before marrying, Polgar knew he would try such an experiment. In 1965, he met Klara, a fellow teacher with was to become his wife Klara did not live in Rude.

who was to become his wife. Klara did not live in Budapest at the time, and she recalls in the book that they sent letters to each other "not about love but about the peda-gogical experiment." Their first child was Zsuzsa, and though they knew they would "specialize" her, they could not decide what the discipline should be. Mathematics? Business? Languages? The question was answered when toddler Zsuzsa opened a drawer one day and found a chessboard. She asked her father to show her how to play.

A few years later, Zsofia and Judit were born, and almost as soon as they could walk they became carrious about what was going on in the closed room where their older sister was receiving her intensive instruction. According to the Polgar book, the younger girls wanted to go inside to see, but their father said they could do so only if they also studied chess. Zsofia and Judit eagerly agreed. By the age of 5, Judit was beating her father,

But troubles emerged. The Hungarian Chess Federation wanted the girls to play other women, which their father opposed. Lazzlo Polgar argued that his girls could become the best only by playing the best, which meant men. The dispute with the Communist-controlled Chess Federation

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became bitter, and in 1981 Laszlo Polgar quit the Communist Party. The Communist government refused to allow his family to travel to tournaments in the West until 1988. That year, Polgar agreed that his daughters would play for Hungary in the women's Chess Olympiad in Salonika, Greece. The women's Olympiad, a major international

chess tournament held every two years, had been dominated until then by the Soviet Union. Each country is represented by four players, and Hungary's squad included the three Polgar sisters. Judit was 12 years old. For the first time. Hungary beat the Soviets and won the Olympiad. The girls have no trouble taking care of themselves on the sboard. Laszlo Polgar takes care of everything else. He is their father, trainer, manager and protector. When-ever be thinks their interests are challenged, he attacks with even greater vigor than Judit displays in chess.

The Hungarian Chess Federation is cooperative these

days, tournament organizers invite the girls to play, and there is no problem with passports or money. Now, Polgar's enemies are the people who dare to criticize his daughters and jeopardize their fragile self-confidence. In the high-pressure world of grandmaster chess, there is no room in a player's mind for self-doubt. Polgar has described Kasparov, the current world champion, as the "Stalin of chess" because he belittles the notion of female

"These people have committed a million unfair acts against us," Polgar says. "It is not only through physical violence that you can hurt children but also through psychological means. I'm constantly struggling with the problem that my children must have confidence."

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PEOPLE

Warren Beatty Marries Co-Star Annette Bening

Warren Beatty has married has "Bugsy" co-star Amette Beales the mother of his 2-month-old daughter, in a private ceremony, the couple's publicist said Thursday, " can confirm they were married nor too long ago, but no further details will be furthcoming." Namey Selizer said. It's the first marriage for the Oscar-nominated actor-director who turns 55 on March 30, the day of the Academy Awards presentations. "Bugsy" got 10 nonunations, including best picture, to lead all-contenders. Bening, 33, was married once before and divorced.

Steven Spielberg has a new heir. His wife, the actress Kate Capther, gave birth to 8-pound, 3 1/2-ounce Sawyer Spielberg. The Spielberg. Capshaw family already includes their daughter, Sasha, 21 months. their adopted son, Theo, 3, Max, 6. Spielberg's son from his marriage to Amy Irving, and Jessies, 15 Capshaw's daughter from a previous marriage.

Ted Turner of CNN and Warren lurger, the former chief justice of the United States are among this year's winners of the \$25,000 Common Wealth Awards. Joining the television pioneer and former chief justice are the playwight Aster Miller, the writer James Michener and Susan Solomon of the Acronomy Laboratory of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, who discovered the link between chlorofluorocarbons and the ozone holes in the atmosphere. The awards were established in the will of Ralph Hayes, a former Coca-Cola executive who died in 1977, to honor outstanding achievement in the world community.

Lee Kouitz, the alto saxophone player, won the \$30,300 International Jazzpar Prize. The 65-yearold Chicago native is the third American to win the prize since it was created in 1989 by the Danish Jazz Center.

The Somalia-born model Image, wife of the British rock star David Bowie, is to play in a film based on the Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale, "The Shadow." The film will be shot in Denmark and Africa this fall, the Copenhagen daily Berlingske Tidende said.

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